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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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Most of you know I am laid up at home with some stomache disorder, cause unknown. The effect has been rough, but believe I am recovering and will live again.

This sudden attack brought to my mind our need for a hospital—there was no room except in the hall or doubling up in a ward at the county hospital. Then the equipment required in the emergency was not readily available, so I spent ten days in Dallas and had a chance to observe first hand some of the problems we face in planning and building a new hospital; also some of the latest equipment for taking care of the sick.

This new hospital is a big job ahead of us and we have been going slow, first to get at least half the money needed and second for the reason that such building is still prohibited.

In the meantime, a hospital expert will visit us in a very few days to make a survey of our industrial conditions, our present facilities and determine how many rooms for white and colored and what facilities will be required.

We will also have the financial picture of cost of operation and how best to make the institution self supporting, the business system required and the management organization needed.

Of course, our industrial concerns are behind this project—a non profit organization—and will have to make up any loss. Each concern is well represented, not only by its officers, but some employee representation also. Before long, we will publish our whole organization plan. We all want everything above the table so that each employee will feel his interest. It will mean much to you and your family.

MANHATTAN
MAIN STREET

By CARL HELM

"'New York is all right for a visit, but I wouldn't live there if you gave me the place"! So the saying.

Lots of people who live here seldom visit the place—the New York of the picture postcards and chatter columns. Just knowing that the Gay White Way, theatres and nightclubs are there if they want them seems to suffice, whether they ever set foot in them or not.

The humble thousands who service the city for its visitors, set the stage, shift the scenes, tend and polish the glitter and glamor—live out their lives quietly as any citizen of Kokomo, Indiana.

The haughty, bespangled doormen of the Stork Club and the Waldorf, the stiffly starched servitors of the Biltmore and Ritz, shed their swank with their uniforms after work, and subway home to wives and kids in the suburbs.

Wisecracking taxi drivers garage their hacks at the end of their tours and become staid, home-loving family men who sing hymns in church; many a hot-spot strip-teaser hurries home after her act to spend the rest of the night darning hubby's socks and shirts.

New York for New Yorkers can be as quiet and conventional as Biloxi or Butte. A dazzling show for visitors, it's a place where one lives . . . often wondering why.

Bob Christenberry, a Paducah, Kentucky, boy who's the popular boniface of Times Square, was figuring the other day that 6,500,000 people are jammed along Broadway a week, this Spring — most of them around the front door of his well-known caravansery, the Astor Hotel.

About half of them get there for a nickel, via subway, from the Bronx and Brooklyn, Staten Island and Queens. But more than 3,000,000 come from out in America—and the natives hereabouts are wondering why.

Every night is Saturday night in Times Square, only now it's more so —it's the most densely populated few blocks in the world. The crowds are loaded with dough, and t'rowin' it away . . . A corner drugstore sells perfume at 50 bucks per, as fast as it can be put on the shelf; a guy walks in from the street to buy a dozen fancy shirts at $15.50 each; women snatch up reptile shoes at $39.90 the pair; Scotch is a buck fifty a gulp.

Theatres are sold out 'way into the summer, but a speculator may be able to get you a $3.80 ducat for $25.00; some movie houses have doubled their prices but still the waiting line stretches around the block; sports are putting up $125 per "ringside" seat for a fight that's only just PROMISED for June.

You wonder where the spondulics come from—and if there are any kids hungry anywhere in the world. It's boomtime on Broadway—before the bust!

Your Cross-roads Correspondent,

CARL HELM

It's YOUR Business

Recently you may have heard it said that at last the powers-that-be down in Washington are "getting religion"—and starting to pay off the national debt.

The total debt has been shaved down to the extent of over eight billion dollars, it is true. But it is not true that the country is now operating eight billion dollars in the black.

The explanation is that we've been using excess Treasury cash left over from the Victory Loan to pay off some of the debt. This can't last much longer. At the end of February, Uncle Sam had $25,960,900,919 cash on hand. On the fifth of June, he had only $16,577,201,825. The Treasury's cash has gone down more than nine billion dollars.

Experts point out that paying off some of the debt out of this windfall of funds left over from war financing is a lot different from returning to "pay-as-you-go" government—a condition that has not existed for 16 years.

The government operated in the red by a billion and a half dollars in April and nearly a billion dollars in May. Continued deficits are expected in the coming months.

It is clear, therefore, that what is needed from now on is not financial sleight-of-hand, but true economy in government. That is the only road to relief from the high war-time taxes which still beset the people.

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Safety

By H. J. TROUT

SAFETY SHOES

To the new employees and to those who do not wear safety shoes, they are available at the Personnel Office from seven o'clock in the morning until five o'clock in the afternoon. These shoes are sold at cost, plus about fifteen cents for handling charges—or about one dollar and a half to two dollars cheaper than you would pay for the same shoe in a retail store. Also for your convenience, when available we are stocking a few hip boots, knee high lace boots and eight inch boots.

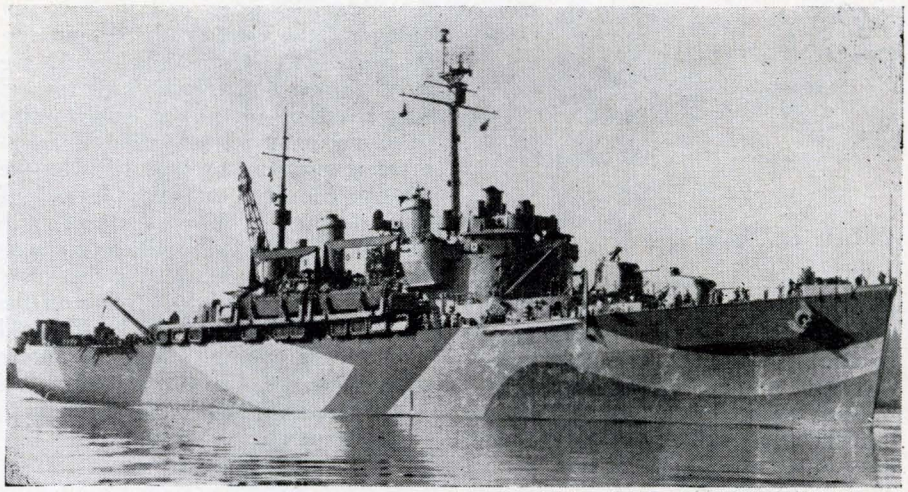
We have had in the last thirty days, four foot and toe injuries that would not have happened if those men had been wearing safety shoes. Each one of the above cases will lose from six to ten weeks. You cannot figure in dollars and cents the amount of pain you suffer, but you can figure the amount of money you lose. I suggest you do this now and see what that amount would be. Take an average of eight weeks, multiply forty seven and a half hours by eight, by your hourly rate. Then subtract one hundred and sixty dollars from that amount and you have how much money you would have lost. I imagine the figure will surprise you and that the purchase of a pair of safety shoes will seem a very cheap precaution.

It is very easy to discuss an accident after it has happened, but very hard to describe before it happens. Often, we can prevent an accident from happening by correcting our fellow employees when we see them doing something that might easily result in an accident. Let's stop the accident before it occurs.

I would like to give you an example of the above. Certain men had for many months been lifting up cranks by a chain on the end and then slipping a chain under the middle of the crank so that the crank could be lifted and carried to the machine. If you examine this, you will find that only a portion of the chain is caught on the two corners and is certainly not safe. A slip could cause a bad hand, arm or foot injury. I showed this to the foreman in charge and by changing to hooks, it is not likely that an accident will occur.

Let's wear safety shoes and safety glasses when at work, be alert at all times and work safely so as not to lose any time due to accident or suffer bodily injury.

I will appreciate at any time any constructive criticism or advice any of you have for making your jobs safer.



A 'Socialized' Town of New Deal Days Folds in W. Va.

Private Ownership Succeeds the Govt.

The special pet of Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt in New Deal days, the government's multi-million dollar social resettlement experiment in the hills of Preston County, West Virginia, has come to an end.

A Baltimore manufacturer has bought from the Federal Public Housing Authority the three small industrial plants and the roomy fieldstone and clapboard inn. He will give work to the 200 men and women who remain in the Arthurdale community, near Morgantown.

The government built 165 attractive houses of fieldstone and clapboard construction, and Arthurdale opened with an air of social salvation. Cooperatives subsidized by the Government boomed.

Mrs. Roosevelt often appeared there to call reels at square dances, and frequently as hostess to various Washington "social experts." Residents complained there were "too many people looking at us."

Bickering soon began; sweetness and light faded, and groups of residents complained their cooperative efforts were "supporting a bunch of loafers." The cooperative enterprises died, and the socialized community soon was to follow suit.

Don Herald Says...

Down With Enterprise!

One thing I don't like about communists and pinkies that I know about in America, is that they go right ahead eating off the American enterprise system that they knock and would destroy.

I know a highly paid radio announcer who, on the side, is against American enterprise, but whose sponsor is a great American enterprise and whose network is supported by American enterprise.

I know a pink professor in a college which was established by a man who made his money in American enterprise and whose students pay tuition made by fathers in American enetrprise.

I know the editor of a radical monthly magazine subsidized with the money of a widow whose husband made it in honest American enterprise.

I'd like these pink people better if they'd quit eating so heartily from the hand they say they hate.

Elbert Hubbard once wrote: "If you set ten girls at works in a room, you will find by the third day that nine of those girls are asking the tenth girl these questions:

"Is this all right"?

"Where is the thread"?

"What shall I do next"?

Some people become leaders. Some start things. Some originate things. Some initiate businesses, take risks, guide others, provide work.

Any economic system which discourages leaders and which levels all people down to the lowest is flying in the face of Nature and is harming mankind.

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Looking Ahead

By GEORGE S. BENSON

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VITAL ECONOMY

The Federal taxes people paid before the war were staggering (then) although the amount seems small in contrast to what they have been paying lately and probably will keep paying for several years. Just the same, pre-war taxes were big money and, even now, would be worth saving. That's exactly the point I want to make in this department today: The saving is possible.

Civilian employees of the United States government today number approximately 2,800,000 when 1,250,000 would be plenty. Even this low figure is about twice what we had six months after World War I. In short, government has 1,550,000 unnecessary hirelings now—more people than live in The Bronx, in Los Angeles or in St. Louis plus all of its suburbs. It is humiliating to think about.

All of this enormous host of people are eating out of the public breadbasket. They are not to be thought about as if they had private wealth and had retired to pursue some impractical hobby. Such people as that do, at least, distribute wealth previously put away. The people I am talking about are deadweight on the rest of us. They subsist on federal tax revenue.

Since their average annual income is about $2,400 each, they are costing the taxpayers of the United States every year the staggering sum of $3,720,000,000 in salaries alone. Everybody who hires salaried people knows well that salaries are not all they cost. They have to be provided more or less space, lighted, heated and equipped.

Add to these items such matters as traveling expenses, telephone calls and incidentals, and the annual cost of having these people employed will swell to at least five billion dollars. That's more than total federal tax collections in any pre-war year. If such people could be lifted off the public's neck, the money could be saved and the public would surely feel the relief.

Such shortening of payrolls would be completely justified by savings alone, but there are many other benefits. (1) It would help to balance the federal budget, and if it is not balanced, the country will eventually go broke. (2) It would help curb the trend toward bureaucracy, toward centralization of power and toward government by whim instead of deliberate government by law. (3) Not the least of blessings to follow laying off these people would be to release more than one and a half million persons for productive work, letting them create something instead of living off the efforts of others. (4) Finally, it would increase the hope of saving for future generations the finest civilization this world has ever known. I submit unto you, it ought to be done.

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Under the American system of individual freedom, more people have attained good education and good medical care, and more have been able to provide for their own old age, than any other people have done anywhere under any system of Statism," writes Wheeler McMillen, editor-in-chief of THE FARM JOURNAL.

"What reason is there to suppose that, if left completely free, Americans cannot in a few more decades produce enough wealth to bring everybody up to or well above present standards"?

How to Measure a Man

The man's no bigger than the way
He treats his fellow man!
This standard has his measure been
Since time itself began!

He's measured not by race or creed
High-sounding though they be;
Nor by the gold that's put aside;
Nor by his sanctity!

He's measured not by social rank,
When character's the test;
Nor by his earthly pomp or show,
Displaying wealth possessed!

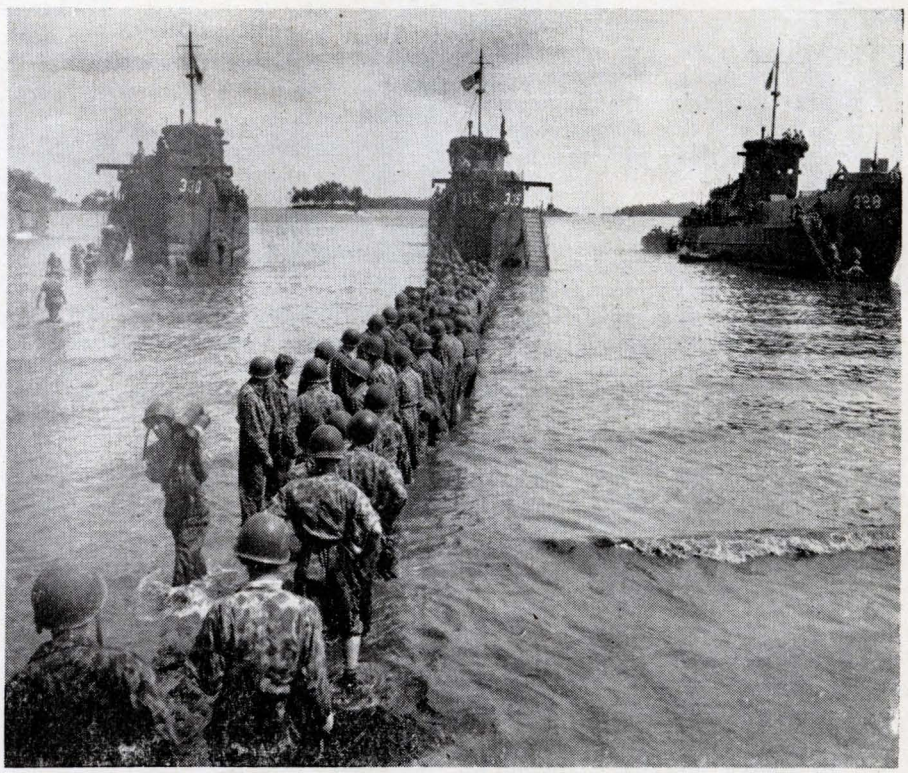
He's measured by his justice, right,
His fairness at his play,
His squareness in all dealings made,
His honest upright way.

These are his measures, ever near
To serve him when they can;
For man's no bigger than the way
He treats his fellow man!

—*The Cincinnati Purchase*

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Newest weapon against fire is artificial fog, produced by forcing water under high pressure through a specially designed nozzle. According to the manufacturer, it's especially effective against burning oil.



"Bucket Brigade"—A turnabout from the usual procedure of forming a bucket brigade to put out a fire is put into effect during the seizure of Rendova Island in the Solomons as members of the American invading forces fall in line and pass the ammunition—to start fires on Jap strongohlds. The ammunition is being unloaded from an LCI (landing craft, infantry).

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GOOD HOUSEKEEPING

By M. M. FONTENOT

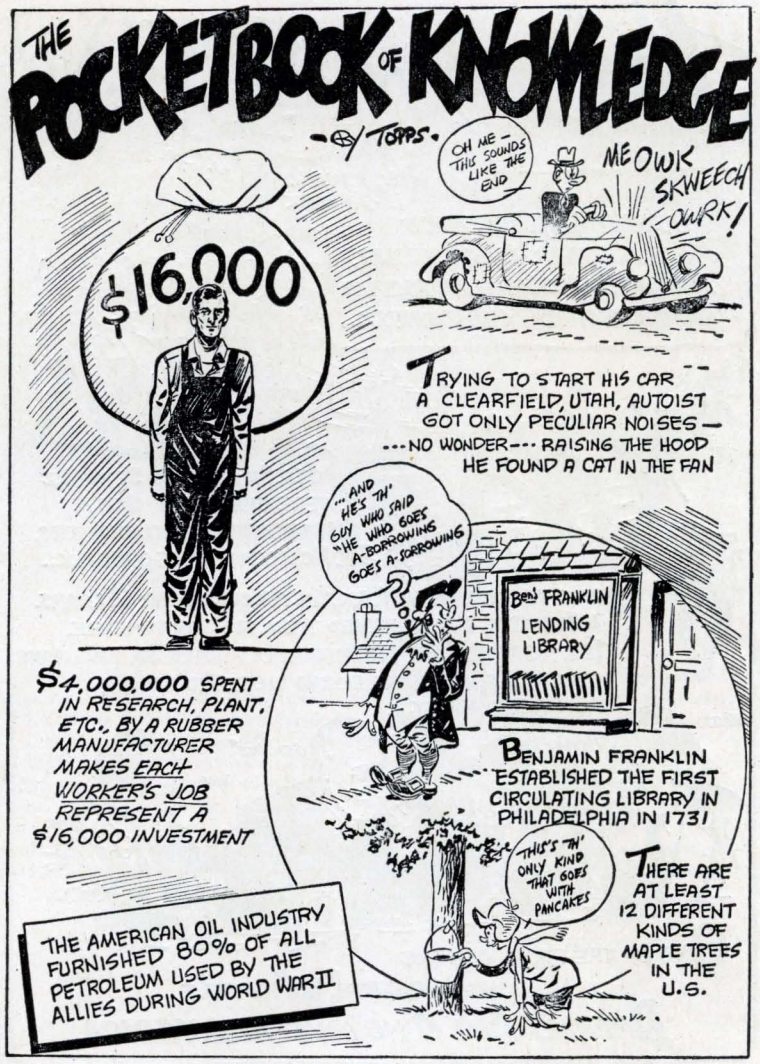
In almost every phase of industry today, we hear much about safety. We are taught all the rules and regulations for safety, but one of the things that should be taught right along with safety is good housekeeping. It is almost impossible to practice safety without practicing good housekeeping.

My earliest experience with good housekeeping came when I was a young boy. I was employed as a machinist helper. One of the main duties of the helpers in this shop was to take turns in sweeping the shop. As most of the other young boys, I worked hard at the task of keeping the shop clean when my turn came, but try as I would, somehow I always missed a spot or two. Of course, this was just the thing my boss was looking for, and he never failed to let me know about it. Even though he was one of the poorest of housekeepers himself, he had sense enough to realize the importance of good housekeeping and to point out that importance to us. This made an impression upon me and it was then that I decided if I ever should become a foreman, I would practice good housekeeping myself.

When I began work at the Lufkin Foundry, my department was very small and not easily kept. Nevertheless, I was anxious to put my knowledge of good housekeeping habits into effect. My helper and I worked diligently until we had cleaned, and painted and made a place for everything. Soon Mr. Trout came through our department and our efforts were well rewarded. We were complimented on our work, and the compliment was an inspiration to us.

Later when the boiler and welding shops were combined, we had another big job of housekeeping to do. Everyone was willing to do his part, and in a very short time, the department was in good order. Again Mr. Trout complimented the department on its good work. His compliment was that this was the first time since there had been a boiler shop that he had been able to take a visitor through it without having to hold to his arm to keep him from being hurt.

My task of housekeeping is easy when I can have the cooperation of the members of my department. The task of keeping any plant clean is too big a job for just the clean up men. It requires the cooperation of each and every member of the plant. The safety committee does a good job, but there is still more that could be done. All of us like a "pat on the back" occasionally; therefore, when inspections are made, it would be well to take note and to point out the good things as well as those things which need improvement. Certainly this would help to promote good housekeeping in any department, plant, or organization.



QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"Our tax laws and fiscal policies are not of the people and for them. They are of and for the government—and under them it becomes the public enemy of the people's initiative and thrift."—H. E. Humphreys, Jr., chairman Tax Council, National Association of Manufacturers.

"It is the responsibility of the government to reduce its expenditures in every possible way."—John W. Snyder, on becoming Secretary of the Treasury.

"No—and now you beat it!"—Mrs. Maude Osburn, bank teller in Elk City, Kansas, to armed robber, who beat it.

"Men are too inhibited—too muscle-bound!" — Rosamond Marshall, best-selling novelist.

"The blighting effect of an unbalanced budget must be immediately removed from the nation's economy."—Gov. Ralph F. Gates, Indiana.

"I'm my own boss now—except for my husband."—Actress Shirley Temple, on her 18th birthday.

"You're struttin' if you try to be something you ain't."—Virginia-born Lady Astor, of England.

"A woman couldn't have done that kind of work."—Mrs. Helen York, Au-

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CHATTER

Anybody wishing the services of an *Official Umpire* on Sunday afternoons, see Carl (Hank) Williams. The game will be called strictly by big League rules.

For an interview with the personnel department, get in touch with Wayne (Bell Pepper) Wallace.

The official gleamer for the foundry reports that R. W. Gillikin, Sr. has been seeking "greener pastures" on the other side of the fence, and he is forsaking city life to dwell in the quiet open spaces of the country. We have heard it said of old, "Come over into Macedonia and help us," and we feel such will be the plea from Gillikin. Our good advice to you, Wade, is to study carefully the errors made by A. B. Trevathan and Seymourr Curtis, and your distinguished co-worker, R. A. Mitchell. You know all of these came back to the city.

Hats off to R. C. Proctor, Foundry representative, who is a sensational first baseman, and heavy hitter on local colored baseball team. John Forney and Wilom Menefee reported that this "Sultan of Swat" banged out three loud fouls, and was the victim of one strike out as his team "swamped" Henderson Sunday, July 14.

HONOR ROLL FOR JUNE:

Oliver McKay produced 25,612 pounds of good castings with no scrap being charged against him, and Oscar McKinney had a perfect month also as he made 39,073 pounds of good castings.

L. W. Dubose, R. N. Smith, and Webb Overshine had a highly successful month on their small roll-over molding machine. They produced 74,078 pounds of good castings with only 843 pounds of scrap — just 1.14% scrap.

The word is going around that Mr. W. C. Weems is going into the night club business. It seems that "Preacher" has tried forcefully to take over a place "over there" but failed the first time. Imagine he will make another attempt to invade these places and I hear that he is trying to recruit some members to his cause. How about it, "Preacher"?

A reward of a Stetson hat will be given the person who can obtain the correct weight of Handsome (Crawfish) Perry.

We wonder who that was saying Shoo! Shoo! at short winded Starrett and why.

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Washington Snapshots

GOP House Leader, Joseph W. Martin, Jr., of Massachusetts, contends that American private enterprise could do more to relieve the housing shortage than the Administration's huge emergency program with its vast subsidies.

Mr. Martin is recalling that Housing Expediter Wilson Wyatt, who has $400,000,000 to be used to subsidize production of building materials, has announced the goal of his efforts for 1946 as 700,000 conventional type dwelling units.

But, adds the Congressman, the Bureau of Labor Statistics says that in the first three months of this year 171,000 building permits were issued for conventional type dwelling units, and that 150,000 units actually were under construction.

The Bureau also estimatetd that in the month of April, 65,000 units were started.

"These figures clearly show that private industry, on its own resources, will build more units than the expediter expected to obtain," Mr. Martin points out.

"Give the American people half a chance—and they will take care of the housing shortage with the same energy and the same speed they showed in supplying the enormous demands of the war effort."

A chemical preparation first used as a refrigerant and then as a bug killer has been proved highly effective in fighting gasoline blazes, its manufacturer reports.

A total of 20,000,000 American men and women wear spectacles.

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The Devil got word that someone
was dying,
So Zip! At the summons old
Satan came flying.
He rubbed his hands and chuckled
with glee,
Said, "Hot Dog! Here's another
good man for me"!
That same afternoon he returned
to his den,
With a sad little smile and said
to his men,
I've just been and called on a
prospect, pards,
And found a Molder, B'Gad.
I know I'm the devil and admit
I'm bad,
But even at the thought of that
fellow I'm sad—
When I think of the trouble that
guy's been thru,
There's only one thing I can do."
So he went to the phone and
asked for the rates
On a long distance call to the
Pearly Gates.
He got his connections: old Pete
said "Hello."
A voice answered, "This is your
competitor below.
It isn't very often I ask it,"
said he;
"Will you do just one little
favor for me?
I'm sending someone—he's
traveling alone,
Please lead that man to the
Heavenly Throne,
He hasn't been good, his record's
not white,
But life down on earth's been a
helluva fight."
Old Pete stroked his beard and
shed a tear,
And said to the Devil, "Old
Chap, never fear,
There's a special mansion in
our front yard
For any poor Molder B'Gad."
The recording angel had hacked
on the gate,
A sign to make newcomers
hesitate,
For before they can reach
eternal bliss,
They see a big sign that reads
like this:

"ALL CANDIDATES MUST FIRST BE
EXAMINED FOR SIN,
BUT ALL MOLDERS CAN WALK
RIGHT IN"!!



COMBAT FOR CHRISTMAS

At 7:40 A.M. on Christmas morning in the United States, December 26 in the Southwest Pacific—veteran Marines who fought on Guadalcanal launched a new blow at the Japanese enemy by landing on both sides of the tip of Cape Gloucester, on New Britain. For hours before they landed, a concentrated ship and plane bombardment had blistered and churned Jap defenses. For seven hours after they landed, so great was the surprise of the move, the skies were clear of Jap planes. In the afternoon the foe began intensive aerial attack on the beachhead. It cost him 61 planes. One U. S. destroyer was sunk in the attack. In five days the commanding officer of the invasion wired General MacArthur: "Cape Gloucester is yours for New Year's!"

Beachhead on New Britain—Trucks, trailers, stacked cases of supplies and the inevitable flurry of activity associated with unloading gives this view of the beachhead at Cape Gloucester on New Britain, a deceptively peaceful air . . . belied by the echoes of gunfire "offstage."

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"We cannot bring up our youth by remote control."—Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker, urging parents cure juvenile delinquency.

ABOUT THAT IDEA

Coming through with some good productive ideas for this month's judging, you fellows in the plant apparently are using the old "thinking cap" pretty regularly. However, the Suggestion Committee still isn't satisfied with the number coming in.

A lot of you fellows undoubtedly have an idea, seemingly unimportant, that would probably merit a prize. Our first prize for this month was brought about by a foot injury which caused C. C. Ruby to rig up a protection for them, besides increase production and decrease labor.

The July winners are:

1. $20.00—C. C. Ruby for stand and rack for center iron bases for reaming operations.

2. $20.00—H. R. Lewis for improving equalizer and pin boring and facing.

3. $15.00—Floyd McLane, move oil pipe on hanger head shafts.

4. $10.00—H. B. Moore for drill jig to position both bottom and sides of slide rail in one set-up.

5. $5.00—C. M. Milligan, wrench to tighten and loosen nut on main bearing fixture.

6. $5.00—M. F. Morgan for suggested use of single block crane on shearing machine in Trailer Plant.

7. $1.00 — Claude Trevathan for hook to pick up solid sheaves.

8. $1.00—Bob Butler for protective boards on carbide cutters.

9. $1.00—C. C. Ruby to pre-clean all bearing carriers, pitman caps and boxes.

10. $1.00—D. M. Richardson, more active safety committee for Trailer.

11. $1.00—A. C. Hughes, hook to pick up steel on yard.

12. $1.00—L. R. Perry for ventilation in Welding Shop.

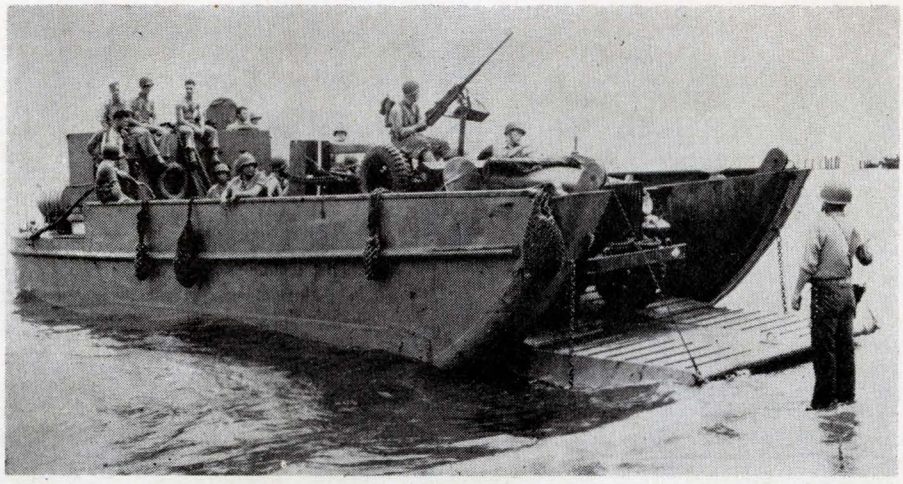
13. $1.00—Zack Cummins to move start button to top of 5B Sykes machine.

14. $3.00 — Bill Spitler, for suggestetd transfer of milling machine to Lathe Shop.

Noticing that the Foundry Dept. isn't by any means perfect and using the old theory that everything can be improved, the question has been brought about why the boys over there haven't been taking an active part in our Suggestion Contests. One report has it that one person has an idea in operation that possibly would take first prize if he would just turn it in.

How about coming in with 'em, boys. Get a little of this cash before inflation hits it's peak!

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REINFORCEMENT FOR GUADALCANAL—A landing boat drops its ramp on the beach at Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, and a U. S. Marine reconnaissance car moves out to take its place in the battle. The picture was made at a time when reinforcements were landed for the showdown fight.

GRINDER DUST

A lady was very much pleased because her husband had called her an angel. She was not accustomed to compliments from him and asked him why he had called her an angel. "Because," he replied, "you are always up in the air, you are continually harping on something, and you never have a damn thing to wear."

"Do you think that the senator puts enough fire into his speech"?

"My opinion is he did not put enough of his speech into the fire."

"Just think. the Pilgrim Fathers were shot at on their way to church."

"That's nothing. So was my old man when he and Mom were married."

War is not merely the willingness to endure suffering, but to inflict it.

—*Anonymous*

More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of.

—*Tennyson*

Endeavor so to live that when you come to die even the undertaker will be sorry.—*Mark Twain.*

Success is nothing but a good idea coupled with hard work.—*Balzac*

A chip on the shoulder indicates there's wood higher up.

Whether Life grinds a man down or polishes him up depends upon what he's made of.

The proverb says we come into the world with nothing on us, but it isn't long before every one has something on us.

Then there was the moron who said he wasn't going to have more than three children because he read in an almanac that every fourth person born into the world is a Jap.

Daffynitions:

Spring Fever: Disinclination of the sap to rise.

Conscience: The voice that tells you not to do something after you've done it.

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Flirt: A hit-and-run lover.

Assets: Little donkeys.

Discretion: Something that comes to a person after he's too old for it to do him any good.

Wedding Ring: Matrimonial tourniquet designed to stop circulation.

During 1945, a baby was born every 11½ seconds—and the population of the U. S. increased by 153 every hour.

Americans own altogether 154 billion dollars worth of life insurance.

The little dabs of feather and veiling our women call hats add up to a 250-million-dollar a year retail business.

One of the secrets of American industrial development is found in the inducement given by our patent system—inducements to invent and to make new and better products.

Salaries of school teachers in New York average $2,700 a year, highest in the nation.

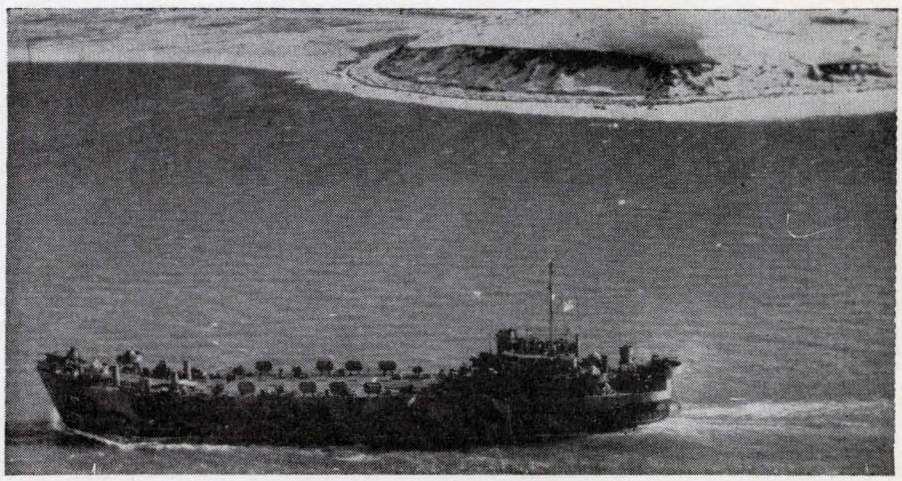
Women, 27 per cent of all the nation's drivers of autos, figure in only 12 per cent of all accidents and in but six per cent of all fatal ones.

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Washington—Everyone in the army of government civilian employees is allowed "at least 154 days off a year —with pay," according to compilations made by Rep. Earl Wilson, Ind. Some even get as many as 189 paid days-off a year, the Congressman reports, adding: "It's time for Congress to cut down drastically its appropriations to government departments."

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They have every modern improvement, including hot and cold elevators, and all night burglar service. They are ideal for married folks, for when a couple crowds into one of these apartments, there is no room left for argument. Landlords forgive you every thing but children.



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NEW ITEMS TO BUY

In a new aluminum wrapper butter will keep in the refrigerator for two weeks and retain its flavor, its manufacturer reports. Butter in long-term cold storage benefits, too, since it loses less weight than if wrapped in parchment.

Women who are hard of hearing will find a boon in the attractive costume jewelry ear-rings which a Minneapolis manufacturer has designed. One of the ear-rings conceals a tiny crystal receiver to transmit sound into the canal of the ear, by way of a plastic tube.

Roast your own ground coffee? Two manufacturers have come up with an electronic coffee roaster which enables the grocer to do the job himself from green coffee beans.

Pens may write "under water," but now we've matches that will light, a manufacturer reports, even after being soaked in water for hours!

Manufacturers are now making orchids out of plastics—for the ladies who want to wear them more than once. $10 a bloom. Production first started in a West Coast veterans' hospital as therapy treatment.

Aluminum is now being dressed up in gay and lasting colors of red, green, blue, yellow, gold and intermediate shades, a manufacturer announces. Research also develops methods of chronium-plating or polishing the metal to high reflectivity.

Another wartime reconversion product will help you mow your lawn this summer with a light-weight, part aluminum mower, powered by a gasoline engine. Its special feature is a power clipper which reaches those hard-to-get-at places on the lawn—even trims hedges.

Drop a coin in a slot machine nowadays—and you may get women's hosiery, frozen meat, ice cream—not to mention hot sandwiches! Manufacturers report they even have a machine to make change, in case you need it.

Custom blended paints now eliminate guesswork in paint mixing. A thousand tints, tones and shades are offered by an Eastern manufacturer. A minute to match the sample and then the color is custom-mixed to formula.

The electrical industry has come up with a new alloy twice the strength of copper, which promises to last longer, cut down the up-keep of electric cords.

Colorful and comfortable slack suits in which men blossomed forth in summer days before the war will be back on the market soon, manufacturers say.

Large scale production depends upon when the OPA will permit looms to go to work weaving the slack suit fabrics.

A liquid laundry starch that doesn't require mixing or cooking, just the addition of water, is being worked out by a midwest manufacturer. Guaranteed not to sour, settle or separate.

A new type of plastic phonograph record with pictures of the band leader or artist in four colors, or with color illustrations in keeping with the music, are coming from a Detroit manufacturer.

Recording the baby's first words may become as commonplace as photographing his first steps with a new magnetic paper tape soon to reach the market, it is announced by the Midwest Research Institute, which works on projects sponsored by various factories. Used with an attachment that can be placed on all types of home radios, the new "talking paper" makes recordings of speech and music in the home simple and inexpensive.

Plastic draperies that look like Chantilly lace are the achievement of a plastic manufacturer. They're made of a semi-transparent film which can be made into aprons, shower curatins, garment bags. It doesn't need laundering—just wipe it off with a damp cloth.

For bath-tubs, puddles, ponds and playtime, an enterprising little factory is producing "jet-propelled" toy boats in plastics. Warm water, with an added headache tablet or mixture of vinegar and bicarbonate of soda, fizzes through a hole in the boat's rear, propelling it.

Handy for summer vacationists is the new 25-pound freezer, 24" x 16" x 15" in size, latest offering in plastics by a California manufacturer. Can be utilized with either ice or dry ice.

A self-charging portable radio is being produced by an eastern manufacturer.

Between now and early 1947 an Eastern manufacturer plans to turn out 500 helicopters.

Small home centralized radio system to provide radio in every room at low cost and to furnish room to room intercommunication has been developed by a manufacturer.

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Losing The Pants

"Our Hats Are Off to the OPA," the Briardale group of stores in Waterloo, Iowa, recently proclaimed in hometown newspaper ads, " . . . And Our Pants Soon Will Be!"

The ads listed 20 grocery items ranging from meats to paper bags which the stores can't sell because they can't get, due to OPA regulations, remarking that "we know the prices, but we'd rather have the merchandise!"

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Better Beef When Tails Switch Less

More beef is promised by using the Army's famed DDT insecticide to keep flies off cattle, the manufacturer reports.

Experimental tests show DDT-treated stock gaining a half pound more per day than untreated cattle. On a test running 100 days, treated animals put on an average of 50 pounds more beef than those left to swish their tails at flies without DDT's aid.

Similar tests with dairy cows showed those DDT-sprayed increasing milk production 15 per cent above the level of their unsprayed sisters.

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Crooner to General . . . They Are Buying Jeeps

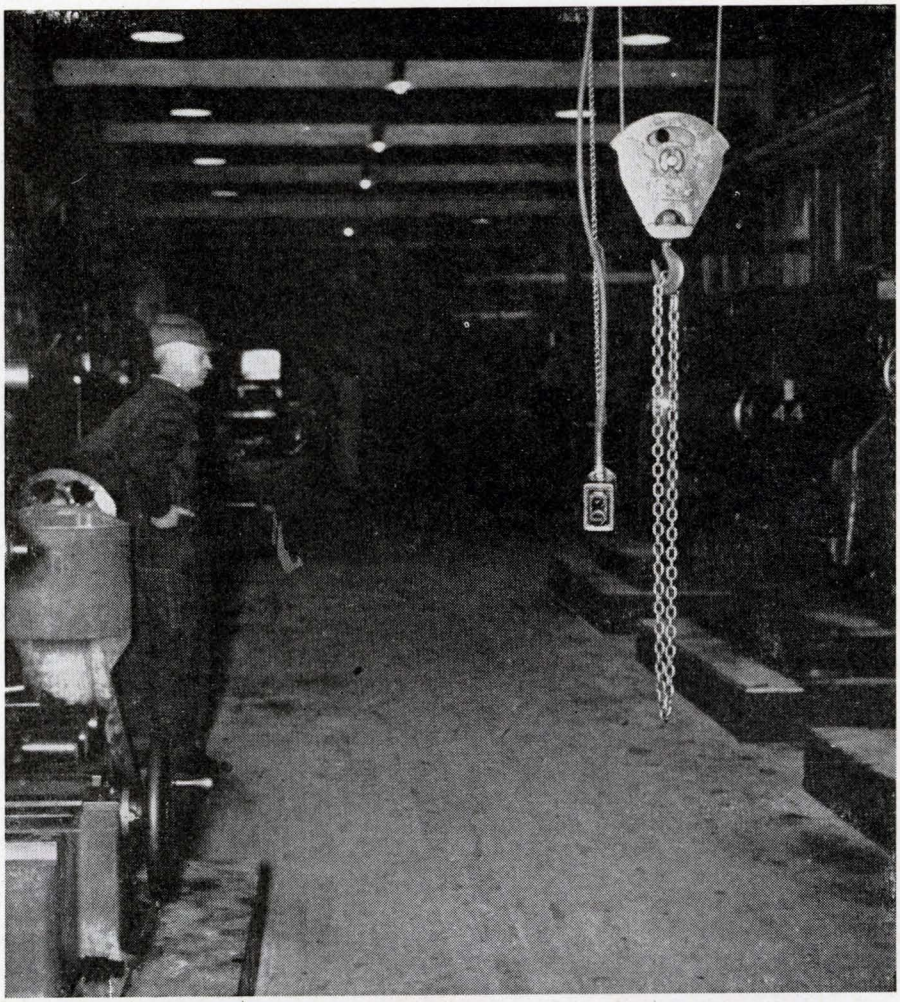
The jeeps of today, converted by their wartime manufacturers, are working valiantly for industry and for such varied owners as Bing Crosby, General "Hap" Arnold, Paulette Goddard, and Bill Mauldin, the GI cartoonist.

The individuals named use them on their farms, industry uses them for oil-drilling operations, transporting mechanics, and even as snow-plows with special blades attached. One New York dealer sold 500 in a flash.

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Your shirts, summer dresses, sheets and draperies will profit by the new textile treatment developed by a rubber manufacturer—it keeps them permanently starched in all weather.

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DANGER HERE—Here's a typical shop hazard that too little attention is given to. Sometimes, you will find these hooks and chains swinging to and fro, providing an easy way to get a bashed head.

In Our Democracy

George Westinghouse, the centennial of whose birth is being celebrated this year, founded 60 companies to manufacture his many inventions in the electric, marine, railroad and natural gas industries.

A U. S. patent is granted to any citizen who has discovered or invented "a new and useful art, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or a new and useful improvement thereof."

Our "everyday" words are effectively remembered; 73 per cent of Lincoln's Gettysburg address consisted of one-syllable words.

Cotton is produced on 1,500,000 cotton farms in 19 states.

In prewar period 1938-39 a married man paid the Federal government 6% of a $15,000 income; during the war 31%, and under reduced 1946 rates will still pay 27%—four and a half times the prewar amount.

In Iowa some 8,500 farmers fly "flivver" planes; Oklahoma's "Flying Farmers" started with 38 members in 1944, now has more than 300.

The average American factory worker can buy a pair of shoes for less than three hours of his labor; the average Englishman works nine hours for a pair.

Number of persons working on farms June 1 was 4 per cent greater than a year earlier—total, including family and hired workers, was 11,422,000.

Ours is a "capitalism" of 20,000,000 home and farm owners, and 50,000,000 who own bank accounts and war bonds.

American industry produced $65,000,000,000 in goods in 1941, jumped it up to $151,000,000,000 in 1944.

With only 6 per cent of the world's land surface and 6½ per cent of its population, we possess, in proportion to the rest of the world, 80 per cent of the motor vehicles and tires.

American seaman are the best paid in the world.

Winter wheat will top 800,000,000 bushels, private crop experts estimate.

Folks living in crowded quarters will welcome a new cotton fabric mattress-bed, treated with synthetic rubber, that can be collapsed and tucked away in a closet. When you have house guests, just blow it up with the vacuum cleaner or by mouth, then make up the bed. It will go on a camping trip or to the beach, because it floats, its manufacturer claims, and when it's dirty, dunk it in the bathtub.

Virtually eliminating any slip between the ovum and the pip, a special electric thermostat which will maintain incubator temperature within one degree of a selected point has been perfected by a Minneapolis manufacturer.

Does it much better than a hen, they say, cutting mortality rate among baby chicks by affording uniform temperature.

Determined to keep their workers in jobs, 114 airplane parts manufacturers in Wichita, Kansas, who turned to other products when V-J Day came, are surviving nobly.

One even launched a new type of household bottle uncapper that also recaps bottles, after peace left him to "sink or swim," a propeller factory turned to making electrical fans; others went in for farm equipment; still others make patent doorstops, new type screw-drivers.

Were manufacturers able to get materials, Wichita — transformed overnight by war from a farm to a factory town — would be employing 25,358 workers today against the war peak of 55,000.

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RAINPROOF HATS

Rain won't harm straw hats and flower bonnets come next season. Made of plastic yarn that is waterproof, colorfast, perspiration resistant and impervious to grease or oil, they will be available shortly, manufacturers say. Saves dry cleaning too — just wipe them off with a damp cloth.

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Quotes of the Week

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rora, Ill., who, posing as man for 10 years, bossed construction gang.

"I just used common sense. Not everyone does." — George Higgins, Morristown, Pa., giving recipe for living 100 years.

"How many vital elements of a free enterprise system remain in operation today"?—Rep. Howard Buffett, Nebraska, on government price - wage - profit controls.

"My eyes almost popped out"!—T. G. Richir, Dunkirk, N. Y., who got Gov't check for $555,555.55 income tax refund by mistake.

"It sure was worth it"!—Portland, Ore., youth, fined $2 for kissing his girl while driving.

"I don't want to spend the rest of my life explaining." — Senator McKellar, Tenn., on why he wouldn't vote for higher Congressional pay.

"Something ought to be done about the way we waste time in the House." —Rep. Fred Bradley, Michigan.

"We cannot have national prosperity if we attach a penalty to initiative and enterprise."—Louis Johnson, past national commander, American Legion, urging lower Federal taxes.

"Organized labor must now accept responsibility not only to its membership but also to employers and the public."—Emil Rieve, pres., Textile Workers Union.

"American women are spoiled—and I like 'em that way."—T/4 Harlow Smith, of Michigan, comparing U. S. and Jap girls.

"They are smoother, but have lost some of their delicacy." — Co-ed at William Jewell College, Mo., on today's veterans as sweethearts.

"The belief is spreading that the people cannot govern themselves."—Ex-Postmaster General James Farley, decrying rule by Washington "political elite."

U. S. industry cannot go forward with any degree of confidence under our present labor laws."—Ralph Hendershot, financial editor.

YOUR DENTAL I. Q.

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HOW ARE YOU DOING, DENTALLY?

Find out by scoring yourself on the following questions.

ASK YOURSELF—

1. Do you eat well-balanced meals every day for your general health—meals that contain adequate amounts of milk, fruits, vegetables, meat or fish, eggs and whole-grain cereals?
   Yes ☐ No ☐
2. Do you restrict your intake of sweet foods to a minimum amount?
   Yes ☐ No ☐
3. Do you brush your teeth at least twice a day, after breakfast in the morning, and before going to bed at night?
   Yes ☐ No ☐
4. Do you brush your teeth the way your dentist advises?
   Yes ☐ No ☐
5. Do you use a small, straight-edged, firmly-bristled toothbrush so that you can reach the inner and chewing surfaces of the teeth and the tiny crevices?
   Yes ☐ No ☐
6. Do you visit your dentist regularly—at least twice a year?
   Yes ☐ No ☐
7. Do you use a dentifrice that bears the Seal of Acceptance of the Council on Dental Therapeutics of the American Dental Association which indicates that it is safe, effective and honestly advertised?
   Yes ☐ No ☐
8. Do you rinse your mouth with clear water after brushing your teeth to assure a thorough cleaning job?
   Yes ☐ No ☐
9. Do you have two toothbrushes so that each brush can dry thoroughly in a clean, light place after using?
   Yes ☐ No ☐
10. Do you rinse your toothbrush in cold water before and after you use it to keep the bristles firm and clean?
    Yes ☐ No ☐

According to the American Dental Association, if you answered "yes" to all ten questions, you are doing everything you can do to maintain a healthy mouth. If you answered "yes" to only 8 or 9, check the items where you've slipped up and remedy the situation. If you answered "yes" to 7 or less, it's time to change your whole dental care routine and improve the attention you give to your teeth before it's too late.

FOR PARENTS ONLY

1. Do you give your child a well-balanced diet including milk, vegetables, whole-grain cereals, meat, eggs, fruits and cod-liver oil?
   Yes ☐ No ☐
2. Do you limit your child's consumption of sugar, confections and highly sweetened foods which seem to encourage dental decay?
   Yes ☐ No ☐
3. Do you see that your child brushes his teeth at least twice a day—after breakfast and before going to bed?
   Yes ☐ No ☐
4. Do you see that your child brushes his teeth the way they grow—down on the upper teeth and up on the lower teeth—never across?
   Yes ☐ No ☐
5. Do you carefully protect your child's "baby" teeth because they are just as important to his chewing, speaking and jaw formation as permanent teeth are to the adult's?
   Yes ☐ No ☐
6. Do you follow the advice of dental authorities who say that the child's first visit to the dentist should take place no later than his third birthday?
   Yes ☐ No ☐
7. Do you make certain that your child returns to the dentist at regular intervals—at least every six months?
   Yes ☐ No ☐
8. Do you guard your child's six-year-old molars because they are the most important teeth in his mouth and their loss through neglect can throw his whole "chewing machine" into disorder?
   Yes ☐ No ☐
9. Do you have the dentist carefully check your child's permanent teeth as they replace his "baby" teeth to determine if they are growing in straight?
   Yes ☐ No ☐
10. Do you give special dental attention to the adolescent child since teen age children suffer the highest rate of tooth decay of any group?
    Yes ☐ No ☐

If you answered "yes" to all ten questions, you can feel assured that you are fulfilling an important obligation to your child—keeping him dentally fit. If you have been negligent on any point, it would be advisable to remedy the situation.

An initial allocation of 1,000 "packages" of major electric kitchen appliances is being made for veterans' housing by a Chicago manufacturer.

Object of the allocation, the manufacturer says, is "to break the stalemate that is keeping veterans from moving into completed homes because needed electrical equipment is unavailable."

The ex-GIs will get complete units including electric stove, refrigerator, cabinet sink and five wall cabinets for their homes.

The Flying Farmers is an organization of Midwest agriculturists who do business in and from the air. By plane they spot herds of cattle, see a field of ripening wheat—land and make a deal with the owner to harvest his crop, or buy and ship cattle. In one Kansas county, thirty out of 1,443 residents own planes.

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Smile Awhile-

In a small fight club, the fans were disgusted with the lack of action in the ring. The two battlers did nothing but circle each other, with no punches being thrown. A forbidden silence mounted in the arena. Then—"Hit him now, ya bum," a spectator called. "You got the wind with yah"!

"I'm not going out with him. He's a beast."
"A wolf"?
"No, a jackass."

Floorwalker: "Why didn't that man buy something? What did he want to see"?
Pretty Clerk: "Me, tomorrow night."

"What party are you affiliated with at present"? asked the political canvasser.
"Ah prefers not to state at dis moment," answered Beulah.
"Come now. There's no harm in telling me."
"Mebbe not—but de troubble is, he hasn't got his divorce yet."

"Do you prefer Scotch"? asked the genial host as we arrived at the party.
"Yes, Sir"! we replied enthusiastically.
"So do we," answered the host as he mixed us a Bourbon highball.

At dinner, Dr. Jones took in, as his partner, a gushing young lady. "Is it true, doctor," she said, "that you are a lady killer"?
"Madam," he replied gravely, "I make no distinction between the sexes."

The employer was getting discouraged with his new secretary. He decided to test her I. Q. a little.
"Did you ever hear of Wilson"? he asked her.
"No."
"Taft"?
"No."
"Cleveland"?
"Is his last name Ohio"?

The young widow had tried every trick she knew to attract the attention of the handsome young man seated on the divan beside her in the hotel lobby. Finally, in desperation, she arose and let her purse fall to the floor in front of him.
"Oh," she murmured softly, "I've dropped my purse."
"Madame," he said, turning a calm eye in her direction, "My only weakness is beer."

Bug-ology

By Dr. H. C. Donohoe



After hearing the evidence against a beautiful girl, charged with killing her husband, the jurors wanted to set her free but were afraid of arousing the wrath of their wives. Finally, one of the jurors who remembered that the dead man was an Elk came up with a bright idea and the problem was solved. They decided to recommend that the pretty defendant be fined $20 for "killing an Elk out of season."

Mrs. Hooligan: "What's your husband's name"?
Mrs. Grogan: "Pat."
Mrs. Hooligan: "I mean his full name."
Mrs. Grogan: "Aw, when he's full he thinks he's Gene Tooney, but when I lay hands on him, he's jes' plain Pat again."

"Doctor, come quick. My wife has appendicitis."
"Nonsense, my friend. I took out your wife's appendix several years ago. Did you ever hear of a woman having a second appendix"?
"No, Doctor. But did you ever hear of a man having a second wife"?

"Doctor, I've been misbehaving and my conscience is bothering me," said Cuties to her doctor.
"M-m-m, Cutie, I suppose I should prescribe something to strengthen your will-power . . . " replied the doctor.
"Oh, no, Doctor," said Cutie, "what I want is something to weaken my conscience."

There was a young girl from St. Louie,
Who submitted her case to the jury.
She said, "Car Twenty-three,
Has injured my knee,"
And the jury said:
"We're from Missouri."



It used to be so that you could find apartments with clothes closets in them. Now you find clothes closets with apartments in them.