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Looking Ahead—

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Decisions

Men and nations gain or lose by the quality of decisions they make. Founders of this remarkable republic made a wise decision long ago, in favor of personal self-reliance and individual achievement. America is great today because so many smart people were left free to do as much as they could, as well as they knew how, and gain as much of a reward for themselves as they were able.

People may orate about America's greatness coming from her vast natural resources. The resources exist all right but the redskins had them before Columbus came and didn't know the use of a wheel. Some people boast of this nation's blueblood heritage. It was good. Our forebears, in large part, came from Europe. That was probably the smartest thing most of them ever did.

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Greatness in Liberty

America's economic system is what made America great. It is a system of liberty giving every man the right to pick what he wants and go after it hammer-and-tongs, get it if he can and enjoy it to the extent of his capacity, so long as it does not trespass the rights of somebody else. It is a sprightly and dynamic economy, quickly adjustable to changing times and conditions.

Limitless opportunity and keen competition have borne a rich harvest. Our farmers live better than the peerage of some foreign lands. Our laborers have more than workers in other countries ever have had at any time. America has 7% of the world's population and 80% of the world's automobiles. We send more children to high school and college than all the rest of the world combined.

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Opportunity Stimulates

During the last two years of World War II, from a startled start in December, 1941, America made more war materials than all her allies and her foes put together. An American carpenter can buy more than any other carpenter anywhere — 2½ times as much as a carpenter in Germany or France. And the same goes in all trades; the butcher, the baker and the street-car conductor.

Freedom of opportunity fires everybody to try; thus men of great genius come to light and the whole nation benefits. Then competition between men of special ability stimulates them to zealous effort in developing products of excellence at fair prices to develop and hold profitable markets. This enables America's middle class to enjoy luxuries unknown to run-of-mine kings.

Mass production for volume sales demands fine and expensive tools. Buying this machinery calls for capital investment—averaging $6,000 per industrial job in the United States. The thing that made America great was a decision to be free: Free to work, free to think, free to earn, free to save and free to invest and make a profit. It is called Free Private Enterprise and it's too valuable to lose.

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Two More Local Boys Make Good

Replacing Mutt Barr and Bob Butler on the road to Detroit, is none other than the Carboloy Twins, Slim (Bear Trap) Askins and Lovick (Carbide) Womack.

They arrived at the station by taxi just two hours before train time. Standing there patiently watching up and down the tracks was Lovick with a grip in one hand and an overcoat in the other. Slim was standing there with his bundle under one arm and a few extra sandwiches in a syrup bucket in the other hand, whistling his favorite tune, "Alabama Bound."

Although Lovick checked his stop watch time and again, the train didn't come in until scheduled time.

The train finally came in and we can see the Carboloy Twins waving and bidding their Angelina County friends farewell for the longest time in their lives, 14 long days and nights. We hope they have a fine and successful trip to Detroit.

Are You Catching Cold?

Colds, common to us all, constitute one of our major medical and economic problems. Probably fifty per cent of sickness-absenteeism in industry is due to acute infections of the upper respiratory tract. Most of us have two colds a year, in Fall and Spring. Others have five or six; some seem to have a continuous cold.

There is no specific antidote yet known. As individuals, we can help to avoid colds first by keeping our resistance high. We all need fresh air, all the sunshine we can get in the Fall, Winter and Spring, sufficient exercise and plenty of rest and sleep. We need the right kind of diets and that means vegetables, fruits and milk. We need to dress according to the weather. Toeless, heelless slippers, for example, on a wet, stormy day do not give much protection. Chilling is one of the most predominant causes of the common cold.

We cannot isolate ourselves from careless or thoughtless acts of those about us. One such person spreading cold germs to others can cause serious money loss and danger. The face should be covered with a handkerchief when coughing or sneezing and the hands washed frequently.

The quickest way to get over a cold is to stay at home in bed right at the start of your discomfort. A light diet including plenty of water and fruit juices helps rid the system of the infection. Chilling must be avoided. Very few colds would develop into serious illnesses with proper care at the very start.

We are just now coming into the winter months and you should begin now to build up your cold resistance by taking advantage of Lufkin Foundry's offer of vitamin and cold tablets. If you start them now, you should not have a cold this winter or spring, or if you do it should be very light and last only a few days. The company does not want you laid up two to four weeks with a bad cold, causing you to lose all this time so we are, therefore, putting at your disposal (we cannot make you, nor do we want to) these cold and vitamin tablets. They will be in the respective timekeepers offices and they will instruct you in regards to dosage and you should take them regularly.

Any questions that you might have concerning the above, I will be more than glad to try to answer them to the best of my ability.

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"Thomas A. Edison Was a Piker"

The Atomic age has arrived in Lufkin, not only industrially speaking, but, in the sporting field as well.

The picture at right plainly shows one of the trials of fishing with the old obsolete rod and reel. No matter how good you are, you have to contend with such things as depicted, but leave it to the machinist trade to eliminate such for one of our prominent foremen and machinist is deep into the matter now. The details are not available as yet but in effect it is a tubular affair similar to the "Bazooka" gun of world known fame used to such great advantage during the World War II.

The line and bait are carried inside the barrel and the atomic energy forces the line and bait out at a predetermined speed and it is merely a question of how fast and where you want the bait to land.

Another side of fishing that has been sorely neglected, by way of improvement, is the task of cleaning your catch. Everyone knows what a tedious long drawn out and messy job that is. Shown here is an amazing gadget developed by these proponents of science, which even in its infancy does an almost incredible job. Much more is to be expected from this tool when Bob Butler and Slim Askins decides what grade of cemented carbide to use and whether to use the shelf or groove type chip breaker which our safety director says must be used to eliminate a definite safety hazard caused by the great speed of the operation which by the way only makes the job more interesting to the parties concerned. Watch for further developments.

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1946 Truck output 30% Below Planned

Production of trucks this year will just about equal the 1935-39 average, and will fall about 30 per cent below the most conservative forecasts of output made at the beginning of the year, a Detroit survey shows. The industry hopes at best for an output of 700,000 units of all models in '46, as against a prewar peak of 893,000 units in 1937. The industry has facilities for the manufacture of well over 1,000,000 trucks annually. The coal, steel and plant strikes and strikes in plants of parts suppliers are held responsible for the reduced production.

Catfish Mulligan

Five or six pounds of channel or blue catfish, covered with water and boiled slowly, is the basis of this sportsman's treat. When well cooked, the bones are removed from the meat. Into the cooking pot still containing the broth in which the fish were cooked should go three No. 2 cans of tomatoes, two cans of sweet corn, two pounds of old potatoes, one pound of onions, two large green peppers and one pound of fresh okra—all chopped fine. These should be allowed to boil slowly, stirring frequently until well cooked and disintegrated. Then the boned fish should be put back into the pot with the vegetables.

After letting this mixture simmer for thirty minutes, my fishing friends cut one pound of salt pork into one-half-inch squares and fry them until they are good and crisp. The pork, along with a cup of fat which came from it, is then stirred into this concoction. By this time, the aroma from the pot should have the whole camp standing around with tin plates in hand. But before letting them rush you, season the pot well with salt, pepper and as much Tabasco as you think they can stand. All's not right with the world—and their appetites—if they do not crowd for second and third helpings.

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Room Service

Coin-operated radios for hotel rooms are the latest addition to a New York manufacturer's line. Sets will operate two hours for two-bits (25c). Plan is to make 8,000 sets a month—and many new jobs.

Responding to a request from veterans' representatives, an eastern typewriter manufacturer will be turning out Braille typewriters for GIs blinded in the war, as rapidly as he can get materials.

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JUNE WEDDING

Washington SNAPSHOTS

By WILLARD CARLTON

The number of workers on the government payroll is still far beyond the 1,611,000 limit fixed by law at the end of the fiscal year on June 30, 1947, according to a recent estimate.

Reporting for the Joint Congressional Committee on Reduction of Nonessential Federal Expenditures, Senator Harry Byrd, chairman, said that total Federal employment for May was 2,848,527, including military personnel, and represents an increase of 24,813.

For everyone separated from the War and Navy Department during May there was almost an equal number appointed in other departments, the committee disclosed.

Departments Criticized

Lopping 1,500,000 surplus desk workers from the Federal payroll would save American taxpayers $4,000,000,000 a year, in Senator Byrd's opinion. The present annual payroll amounts to nearly $9,000,000,000.

The committee has criticized old-line government departments—including Labor, State and Treasury—for attempting to perpetuate war-born personnel inflation. An all-time peak in total government employees was reached in August, 1945, when payrolls totaled 3,649,000.

Under the ceiling clause written into the Federal Pay Act of 1946 the overall total of government employees would be gradually reduced to 1,611,000 at the close of the current fiscal year.

Senator Byrd has pointed out that the government was "bloated beyond any power of description" with 1,411 main bureaus, in addition to the regular departments.

ABOUT THAT IDEA

The quantity as well as the quality of the entries have been improving each month. This is very gratifying. However, the Committee still isn't satisfied. More entries are needed and you are the one to submit them.

In reality, ideas aren't hard to hatch up and it doesn't hurt a bit. If you don't believe me, ask the fellow who has had one. Come on now, and let's get 'em in and cash in on some of this loose money.

Here are the winners for September:

1. T. L. Vansau—$20.00—Fixture for machining equalizer centers.
2. John D. Edwards — $20.00 — Change layout system in Sampson post legs.
3. Curtis Hodges—$20.00—Suggest making new bosses for Keyseater.
4. C. M. Milligan—$15.00—Adjustable roller for bar steel rack behind Welding Shop furnace.
5. H. H. Thompson — $10.00 — Change part No. C4635 to cast solid.
6. A. A. Foster—$10.00—Change in 5th wheel plates.
7. H. C. Broderick—$5.00—Gage to check equalizers at drill press.
8. Harold Wright — $5.00 — Hardwood cover for tool room door.
9. H. G. Kornegay—$5.00—Material racks for screw machines.
10. W. F. Driver — $5.00 — Special wagons behind shears.
11. Claude Trevathan—$1.00—Safety measure for Material Control storage.
12. H. P. Collins—$1.00—Barrel carrying truck.
13. Wilbur Lovelady—$1.00—Float for press tank.
14. J. C. Boyd—$1.00—Move crane chain in Repair Dept.
15. H. C. Kirkland—$1.00—Changes for part II A6571.
16. T. J. Barnes—$1.00—Light behind Trailer Division.
17. James Willey—$1.00—Hook for press and shearing machines.
18. R. E. Maxey—$1.00—Jig for pitman side members.
19. W. F. Driver — $1.00 — Sealing door by Trailer clock to stop paint spray from entering shop.
20. E. L. Reece—$1.00—Core sprayer for pipe house core dept.

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No Starch, They Say

Necessity for starch in such garments as women's house dresses, children's play clothes and shirts, is eliminated by a new textile treating resin developed by a rubber manufacturer.

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Safety

By H. J. TROUT

We have been having an excess amount of foot and toe injuries the past few months. Whenever an employee receives such an injury, even though it is not a fracture, the foot takes a severe blow, causing swelling and soreness for a number of days or weeks. Consequently, the employee is knocked out of a large amount of money from his salary due to the injury. Checking back over these injuries, I find that not a single case where a man was wearing safety shoes was reported. All the injuries came from people not wearing safety shoes on the job. This being the case, I would think the smart worker would wear nothing but safety shoes, as there is no way of knowing at what time you or someone else is going to drop an object on your foot which might result in an unpleasant injury.

The only reason I have been able to find for the employees objecting to wearing safety shoes is that they are afraid that should something drop on their foot, the steel cap would cut their toes off. Apparently this is wistful thinking on their part and actually is a very poor reason for not wearing safety shoes. Anytime anything big enough was to fall on your foot and the cap cut your toes away, you should think about what that weight would do if you had no protection at all. This metal cap will withstand 600 pounds of dropping weight and a good many thousand pounds applied by slow pressure. Therefore, a case of the cap cutting your toes off would be very rare. In fact, I have never heard of this happening and I am sure you haven't either.

You have to purchase shoes of some kind, since you cannot work barefooted. Safety shoes are well within the price range of any other shoe and we have at the Personnel Office for your convenience safety shoes at cost plus 5 per cent—just enough profit to take care of handling charges and expenses. For instance, a shoe that we sell you for $5.00 will cost you in town at retail $7.00 to $7.50. I suggest, therefore, for your own protection that you throw away your old work shoes and purchase safety shoes, either here or downtown, whichever you may choose, so that you might be saved from a serious injury.

GOGGLES

I have also noted by checking the injury reports that there have been too many minor eye injuries in places in the shop where there should be very few accidents. Checking the cause for this, I find that whenever the employees have a little grinding, chipping or blowing with the air hose to do, they do not change their safety glasses for the enclosed type made for grinding and other such operations. And some of you have a wrong impression in the use of your regular safety glasses. They were not designed for grinding and such, but are used to protect you from large particles flying through the air. There is too much open space around the sides for them to attempt to protect you from flying particles caused by grinding, chipping, etc., so for your own protection, I suggest that when ever you do these other operations, please change from your regular glasses to the goggles that fit the situation. Your foreman has them and will gladly furnish you with a pair, then when you are through with that operation, you can easily switch back to your regular safety glasses.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

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Television Demand

A market for nearly 10,000,000 home television receivers during the next five or six years is predicted by a manufacturer. Study showed that 45.1% of all urban families interviewed in the survey of home radio listeners are considering the purchase of a home television set.

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QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"I myself am quite well."—Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, after dozing at wheel and causing three-car smashup.

"Today's bobbysoxers are gross, not alluring."—Anita (Gentlemen Prefer Blondes) Loos, author.

"There are all kinds of youth today—mostly good."—Ernest (Wild Animals I Have Known) Thompson Seton, author.

"Increased production is the most important thing to be achieved by American industry. It doesn't mean a 'speed-up' or 'sweating' of labor."—Pres. Harry A. Bullis, General Mills.

"There is imperative need that the people be granted equality with labor unions."—Pesr. Robert R. Wason, National Association of Manufacturers.

"I'm not giving up."—C. L. Baxter, Los Angeles cook, who died next day, after fasting 83 days.

"The nation is ready, willing and able to prepare itself for an unprecedented future of peace and prosperity."—Henry Ford, on 83rd birthday.

"Come back next time for a picture of the kids!"—Mrs. Mary Wilson, 98, Mattoon, Ill., to photographers after marriage to Luther Wilson, 75.

"The resuscitated OPA is a monument to the bipartisan reluctance of Washington office-holders to face realities."—M. S. Rukeyser, economist.

"We know there can be no security in isolation."—Secy. of State Byrnes, off for peace conference.

"A program clearly defined and fair to both labor and management will set the wheels of progress going at a tremendous rate."—Pres. B. J. Fairless, U. S. Steel.

"It just wasn't bringing me any happiness!"—C. A. Locke, Pittsburgh lawyer, after donating his savings of $300,000 to charity.

"I have a weakness for helping people."—S. C. Perry, Indianapolis, pleading guilty to embezzling $143,000.

"It'll help put my Bible school over the top."—Sgt. Alva York, Pall Mall, Tenn., striking oil on his farm.

"American workers don't want a government red-tape artist to substitute himself for the employer."—Intl. Rep. Robert J. Watt, AFL.

"In our country the luxuries of one decade become the necessities of the next."—Pres. Robert R. Wason, National Assn. of Manufacturers.

"High school seniors have encountered certain shortages, but none in the advice department."—Indianapolis News.

"People might say this case smells!"—Judge Walter Gates, Los Angeles, re. theft of 27,800 lbs. of garlic.

"Affection has been showered on me."—Linda Darnell, actress, picked for "Forever Amber" lead.

"They've come to see the animal just because he's 90."—George Bernard Shaw, re. his birthday visitors.

"We must do everything in our power to reduce inflationary pressures. One of the most effective means is to reduce Federal expenditures."—President Truman.

"The people demand that all items be decontrolled as soon as they fulfill the requirements of the OPA law—whenever supply exceeds or is in approximate balance with demand."—Sen. Alexander Wiley, Wisconsin.

"Peace must come from the hearts of men."—Secy. of State Byrnes.

"The World Is in Bad Shape. Must You Be, Too?"—Sign in a N. Y. corset shoppe.

"It requires hundreds of nuts to hold an auto together—and only one to knock it apart."—Columbus (O.) Dispatch.

"No man has the moral right to veto peace."—Sen. Arthur Vandenberg, Mich.

"Prices are the throat of our economy. That's where the OPA chokes the American people."—Pres. Robert R. Wason, National Assn. of Man.

"Battle of Century" Held In Foundry Yard

The crowd was small; there was no million dollar gate,
But there was fun for all and none was late.

Yes, it was the annual badger fight (every time Jake and Uncle Jess can find a sucker) between that mighty albino badger and "Red" the killer chow of Jake's. (Jake tells me the chow is afraid outside at night.)

Uncle Jess came through with a last minute speech that made the contestants feel like they were doing a noble deed. By "contestants" we mean "Couger" (Stove Pipe) Bounds and T. H. (last link) Smith. They were contesting to see who could get the farthest from the fight. Smith says he was holding the last link of the chain to give the dog plenty of freedom, but we think it was Smith who wanted the open air.

The actual fight was a great success, but the steps taken to arrange the fight was the most tactful part of all. Uncle Jess and Jake are running over with the ability to needle a guy into anything as most of us who have worked in the machine shop know. It took them a full month to get this lined up. Smith and Bounds (the suckers) both turned out to be great sports and carried their red faces with a smile. Thus ended the badger business until another sucker is found. From the remarks I heard in the audience, all the suckers weren't holding the badger either.

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CHATTER

Dan Cupid has been busy again. Charlene Douglass is to be married to Lynwood Shivers this week. Happy sailing, Charlene.

Helen Clinton was given a little problem the other day; Three men went into a hotel to get a room. The desk clerk charged each one $10.00, making a total of $30.00 charged for the room. After the men had gone upstairs, the clerk gave the janitor $5.00 of the money. The janitor decided to go upstairs and give each man $1.00 back. This makes each man now having paid $9.00 for the room. Well, three times nine is twenty-seven; the janitor has two dollars. Twenty-seven plus two is twenty-nine. Where is the other dollar. If anyone finds this $1.00 please notify Helen, as her anxiety is increasing each day over not being able to figure out just where this dollar went to.

We understand Mr. McKerral is taking photographic lessons. Anyone interested might be able to learn quite a lot from Mr. McKerral.

We wonder when Pat Johnson is going to Center to see his screw tail bulldog. For further in formation, see Bob Butler.

Seen: John Nixon walking down the sidewalk on North Second street. And he was whittling. Wonder why he had to go up there to whittle.

Arch Caraway and Louis Fincher were fishing over on the Neches river in a bar pit. Arch got a strike and jerked on the line so hard the bass hit a stump, dismantling the stump. Then Louis, after taking a short snort, doused a little on his shiner and threw it in. No sooner had he done this than he got a strike. Pulling his catch out of the water, he found that the shiner had caught the bass back of the head and was growling and biting. Anyone who doesn't believe this, check with Arch and Louis.

Judy (reading from an insurance pamphlet): "A large percentage of accidents occur in the kitchen."

Tubby Welch: "Yes, and what's worse, we men have to eat them and pretend we enjoy them."

In a crowded street car sat Eunice Lane greatly discomforted by the pressure of an extremely fat lady who sat next to her. Turning to her neighbor, Eunice remarked: "They really should charge by weight on these cars."

THUNDERING HOOFS—Hundreds of horses were rounded up from neighboring Arizona ranches for a ginantic stampede scene while cast and crew were filming location shots for David O. Selznick's "Duel in the Sun."

The fat lady replied: "But if they did that, dearie, they couldn't afford to stop for some people."

We wonder why Hubert Dyer quit singing in the choir. He says that last Sunday he was sick and didn't sing, and a lot of people in the congregation asked if the organ had been fixed.

What's this we hear? Mr. Lyle Peden of the pattern shop is officially being called "Wild" Peden uptown. For details, see Seymour Curtis.

Baby boy born to the Isere Murphy family Thursday, September 5. Isere is a colored employee for the Cleaning room.

The Gold Dust Twins, June Baldwin and Felton Purvis, report that Bob Burns is seen daily scraping an apple with his trowel. That's a mighty slow way to eat it, Bob. How about taking it in large bites?

Frank Whitten: "I sent my boy for two pounds of grapes and you only sent a pound and a half."

Grocer: "My scales are all right, sir. Have you weighed your boy?"

Best wishes from employees for a speedy recovery to Grady Wasson, who has been confined to his home since September 7.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Floyd McLane on the birth of a daughter, Ida Carrol, September 9.

POP! . . . POP!

By PREACHER WEEMS

Some of the fellows over in the Lathe Shop have been complaining of a popping sound which is beginning to get on their nerves. This reporter interviewed a number of the boys and some of their answers were:

"Sounds like a horse pulling his hoofs out of mud."—T. J. Selman. "Sounds like a bunch of little pigs having dinner."

Upon investigation, we find out that the peculiar sound was made by "Red" Lewis chewing gum. T. J. wants to know if we could equip "Red" with a muffler. A reward is offered for the designer of this muffler, to be paid by the "Anti-Gum Chewing Club."

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Trucks to Be Safer More Comfortable

New truck models for late 1947 will have all the ease and comfort of today's passenger cars, manufacturers say. More powerful engines, improved brakes, 50 per cent more visibility will make for greater safety. Newly designed seat cushions, heated cabs which also will be airtight, rainproof, lighted and ventilated are among other improvements. Barring strikes and shortages, truck output will hit 700,000 this year, 1,000,000 next year.

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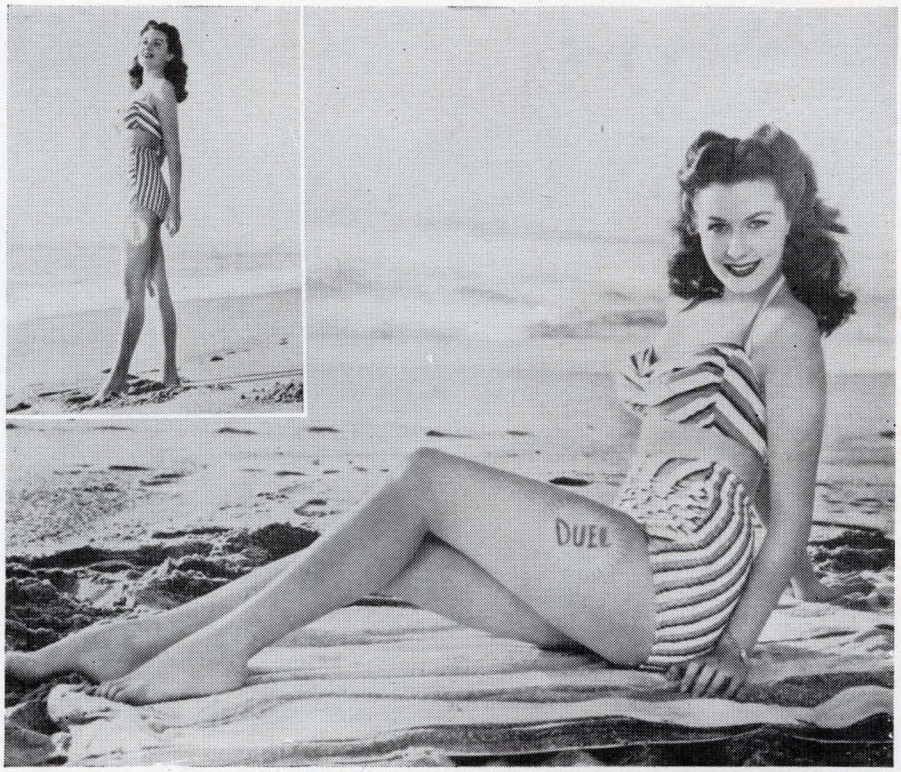

You don't need a DUEL IN THE SUN-tan stencil to do this. Cut your own stencil from adhesive tape—a lover's heart, your initials, a flower. Stick it on, bask for a bit in the sun, then remove. You are now modeling the new fad "sun-skin" jewelry. Or do the same with leg makeup. The gal? She's Rhonda Fleming, the Selznick International star appearing in "Spellbound" and "The Spiral Staircase." (Insert: with stencil on; large photo, stencil removed after basking.)

Detective Says Truck Drivers Makes the Best Husbands

From "The Steering Wheel"

Robert Richards, United Press writer boosted the stock of truck drivers as husbands in a press release last week when he said:

"If you're looking for a life of wedded bliss, kiss the playboys goodbye and marry a truck driver. The bigger his truck and the dirtier he gets, the better for your marriage. We pass this advice along for free from the lips of Harold Nelson, head of Nelson's Detective Agency in Manhattan. Nelson ought to know. He spends a great part of his time chasing erring husbands. 'And truck drivers, or factory workers, are by far the best bets for a woman,' he said. 'We seldom ever have to go tailing one of them. Husbands most likely to stray are successful businessmen, or salesmen.' A truck driver comes home, Nelson explained, and he's too tired to go running around. He's sweaty, or dirty, so he has to sit down and take off his clothes. Before he can get up and run out the door, the kids have got him. Men are men, Nelson believes, no matter what their work, and they're pretty much all alike. But the truck driver behaves better, because he doesn't have as much time to run around as the salesman, he explained."

It takes a lot of money to run America—billions and billions of dollars a year. The government, of course, has no money of its own. That is, it doesn't earn money—as you do, or as a successful business does. It gets its money from YOU—and from millions of other Americans—in the form of taxes. You may think that you, as an individual, don't pay very much in taxes. But—even if you own no real estate of your own, part of the rent you pay goes to pay your landlord's taxes. So, you pay real estate taxes.

Even if you pay no income taxes, as an individual, part of every dollar you spend for food or clothing or anything else, goes toward paying the taxes of the people who make or supply those things for you. So, you pay income taxes. Every time you buy a pack of cigarettes, you pay taxes. Everytime you go to a movie, you pay taxes. Every time you buy gas for your car, or a wrist watch for your wife, or shoes for the kids, or take a ride on a train, or spend any money at all—you pay taxes!

Part of every dollar the government spends is YOUR money. How much is yours? You'd be surprised! At least 28 per cent, it is estimated, of the annual national income goes to the government in taxes.

By CARL HELM

New York—It's remarkable, it's regrettable, how quickly the stranger who enters this stone jungle of Manhattan takes on a protective coloration. It consists of a stern and sourpuss, a deadpan manner of face and speech.

But, as with any wise animal who senses danger, it's a matter of self-preservation. If you, from the free and friendly neighborliness of the hometowns, were to go about smiling and speaking to people as you do out there, you'd be wide open to all the hurts and affronts of the subways and streets.

So, you become as stonily indifferent to other human beings as are the natives, when you're outside your own cave—and in that way you assert that you're no sap, you're city-wise smart.

It's just as remarkable, though, how sometimes you'll forget and smile at someone and say a pleasant "Hello" to a startled stranger—just naturally, as you would back home . . . and the stranger, who might have come once from the state next to yours, subconsciously forgets himself, too, and smiles back.

Then, suddenly, you both catch yourselves up—because the street or subway is watching you with suspicion. You both slap on your masks and go grimly on your way—with the fixed "Mind-your-own-business" air, in the accepted New York manner . . . because that's the way it is . . . and pity it is, and damned pitiful.

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Atom-Power Ship Seen For Future

Atom-powered ships might sail 1,000,000 miles on a single fuel charge of uranium or plutonium, according to Harry A. Winne, vice president of General Electric, but the outlook for atomic power for public utilities is not quite so promising. To compete with soft coal at $4 a ton, "fissionable material" would have to sell at $6,000 a pound, Mr. Winne said. His company, launching an extensive program of basic atomic research, will build a 300-acre research center near Schenectady, N. Y.

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It's YOUR business!

By FARMAN HOLME

Do you expect to spend less money for food next year? That's what the economists in Washington are predicting that you, as the average citizen will do. Their reasoning is that you can't continue to eat so well and still buy that car, or refrigerator, or whatever other "hard" goods you have done without during the war.

The trouble with these government "brain-trusters" is that they always expect the economizing to be done in the wrong place. It wouldn't occur to them that the economizing should begin right in the offices where they work, perhaps by making "surplus property" out of the chairs they occupy.

The possibilities for economy in government are nearly without limit. In the fiscal year which began on July 1, the Federal government expects to spend a total of $40 billion. This is a big chunk of your purchasing power no matter how it is measured, but let's look at it from the standpoint of what Americans spend for everyday things.

WHAT IT TOTALS

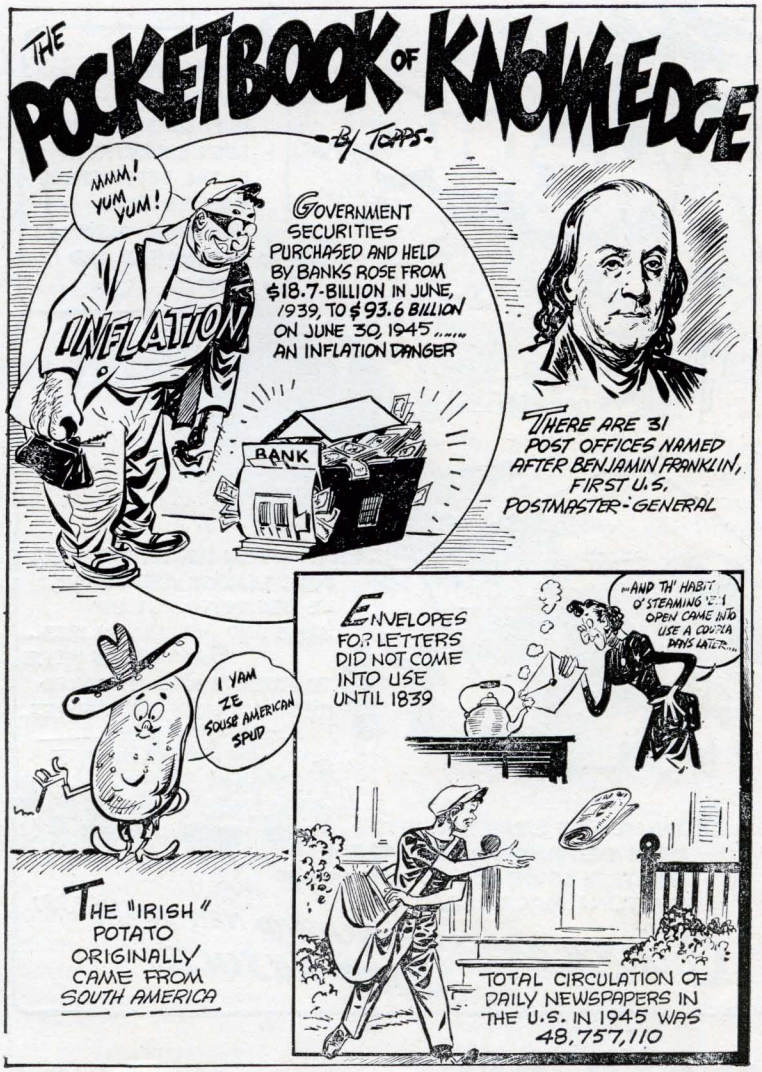
$40 billion is a third more than all of us spend for food in one year. $40 billion is nearly four times what we pay for rent, including the rental value of owner-occupied buildings.

$40 billion is over six times what we spend for all forms of transportation, and is close to three times our total expenditures for clothing and related articles.

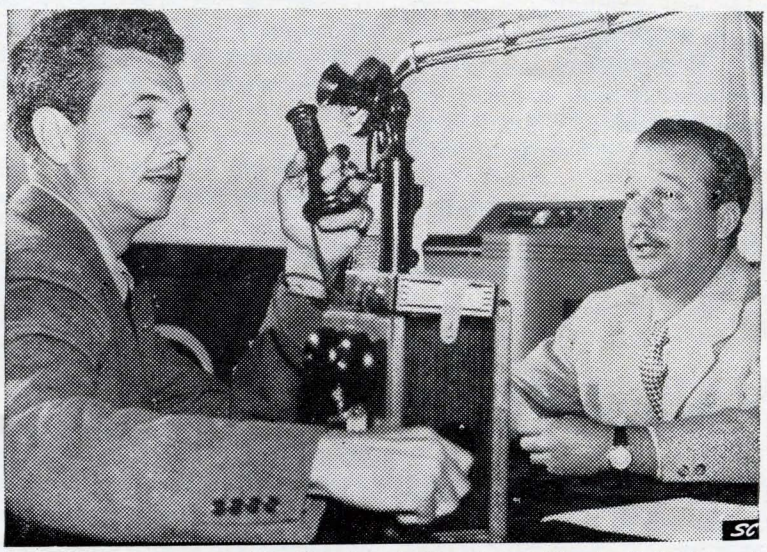
$40 billion is 26 times what we contribute to religious and welfare activities.

These comparisons point to just one conclusion: The problem is how to increase your purchasing power by decreasing your tax burdens—not how to spread your purchasing power between daily necessities and desired "hard" goods.

If government expenditures were cut back to a reasonable level, even the "brain-trusters" would not dare to predict that you would have to eat less next year in order to buy "hard" goods.



Three Rings On The Party Line



Three rings mean it's Chet Lauck (Lum) and Norris Goff (Abner) going into action at the Jot 'Em Down Store in Pine Ridge. Behind the scenes, it's Chet who rings for the operator on the old-fashioned country telephone, while Abner tells him what to say.

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GRINDER DUST

The battleship was in port and visitors were being shown around. The guide was exhibiting a bronze tablet set in the deck.

Guide: "Here's where our gallant captain fell."

Nervous Old Lady: "Well, no wonder. I nearly tripped over it myself."

"I don't see John nearly as much as I used to."

"You should have married him when you had the chance."

"I did."

Little Dog (looking up at a parking meter): "Hmmm! So you gotta pay now."

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

"How many people work here?"

"Oh, about one out of every ten."

It is easy enough to be merry
When there isn't a jolt or a jar
But the man worth while
Is the man who can smile
When his wife is driving the car.

No matter what you say there's many a stern look aimed at girls in slacks.

Just because a girl is well oiled is no guarantee that she won't squeal.

Description: Her face is her fortune and it runs into a nice figure.

Chiropractor: A guy who gets paid for what others get slapped for.

There's the one about the girl who named her baby Encore, because he wasn't on the program.

Though her eyes flash fire and her protests blister,
Never apologize after you've kissed her.

Foundry Lots For Sale

I have had the question arise on a number of occasions from the employees as to who is eligible to buy a lot in the Foundry Addition. Any white employee of Lufkin Foundry & Machine Company, regardless of his position or length of time he has been working, is entitled to purchase a lot. These lots were laid out for the employees who need a place to build and we feel sure the prices are very reasonable in respect to other city lots of the same size. In most cases, any lots in Lufkin sell from two to three times as much as the price set on our lots.

For the convenience of the employees, the lots can be paid for either in cash or a quarter down payment with twelve months to pay the balance. We have sold sixteen lots to date and there are still plenty of good lots available.

Any employee desiring further information in regard to these lots, please see me anytime at the Personnel Office and I will be glad to discuss the matter with you.

Buy your lot now and build later.

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IN OUR DEMOCRACY

Some 950,000 high school students were graduated this year; one-third less than the 1.3 million peak of 1940-41.

Present population (including overseas Armed Forces) totals more than 140,000,000; females have a lead of 231,469 over the male of the species.

The Veterans Administration now lists 15,884,000 veterans on its rolls. Of this total, 11,904,000 saw service in World War II.

Coal strikes cost the U. S. nearly 90,000,000 tons of bituminous production.

There were 3,235,000 business establishments in U. S. at beginning of 1946—a net increase of 400,000 in the previous two years.

A Chicago mail order company this summer is mailing seven million fall and winter catalogues for the next six months mail order selling.

Spectacles were first devised about 1285 by Salvino Armati, a young nobleman of Florence, Italy.

The heat necessary to melt one gallon of ice would, if converted into pumping power, lift more than 200 gallons of water to a height of 100 feet.

Nearly 80% of U. S. industrial labor is employed in small plants with less than 1000 employees.

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DON HERALD SAYS:

Napoleon said that the finest army ever put together is useless without leadership, and that the poorest army could be made great by leadership. Every baseball or football player knows his team has to have a captain, and every soldier knows he has to have officers. Yet many workers have been led to believe that businesses don't need leaders or managers. They have also been led to believe that managers get salaries that are too high. The fact is that if all managerial salaries of $10,000 or more were divided among workers it would amount to about 40 cents per week per worker. Thus, the cost of leadership is seen to be ridiculously low, when you remember what Napoleon said about the worth of leadership.

America was built by optimists—darn fools who didn't know it couldn't be done. They did it. Business men are opitmists. They start things. They take risks. They see bright futures. But in recent years there has arisen in America a crowd of pessimists—radicals or sadicals. They paint things darkly—knock business—sell discouragement—and want to take over. Business men said during the war that there would be 55 million jobs within a year after the war. But gloom peddlers and political gripers said there'd be 15 million unemployed by spring of 1946. The U. S. Census Bureau now says that, in spite of strikes and shortages, there were 55,320,000 jobs in May—570,000 more than the wartime peak! Optimists are right . . . in America!

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American seamen are the best paid in the world.

Health authorities of a typical American city have established that handwashed dishes contain 23.72 times more living bacteria than dishes cleansed in an electric dishwasher.

There are now 3,000,000 electrified farms and there will probably be 5,000,000 by 1950.

There are 55,114,143 people in the United States who have completed eight or more years of schooling.

In 1945 Federal tax collections from all sources totaled a record of $43,352,715,621.35.

Seven months after V-J Day, the Veterans Administration had paid out more than $800 million in World War II death benefits and disability awards.

Six out of every seven counties in the United States are predominantly rural.

2,836,000 concerns in this country employing fewer than 100 persons each, provide jobs for a third of all wage-earners.

Phonographs and jukeboxes build up a yearly demand for 150,000,000 record discs.

A survey by the Bureau of Labor Statistics shows that more than two million veterans are employed in manufacturing.

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New Items to Buy

Smoked meats will last four to five times longer when dipped in raw cottonseed oil. Tests show the refined cottonseed oil is not as satisfactory.

Oysters will now be accepted the year round in the best places, a rubber manufacturer reports. Frozen and packaged in plastic, they will retain their original taste and quality.

A tremendous boom in fishing, hunting, golf and baseball, together with shortages of material, add up to its being next year before manufacturers can meet the demand. Strikes have decreased the supply of steel and brass for fishing tackle; bamboo from China won't be available for some time, so dealers will get about 60% of a normal supply in 1946.

Wartime experiments carried on in laboratories of chemical industries have resulted in improvements in suntan preparations that not only bring out that golden brown, but scare off flies, too.

Gasoline manufactured by an atomic process is practically here, but atomic powered automobiles are in the more distant future, scientists declare. An atomic gasoline plant is being erected in Ohio, using a process claimed to yield in excess of 90 per cent gas of an 85 octane rating with no residuals.

Potatoes — peeled, pre-cut, and canned — another kitchen-saver dreamed up by New England manufacturers.

A new type outdoor wading pool which will make summer more enjoyable for thousands of children is being delivered by a rubber manufacturer as an outgrowth of a wartime product. Made of heavy duck fabric coated on both sides in color with a special synthetic rubber compound, the pools are watertight, sunproof, rot and acid proof and, if punctured, can be repaired in the same way as an inner tube. Pool is 68 inches in diameter, 15 inches in height, and collapsible.

Dresses made of aluminum yarn will be on the market soon, manufacturer reports. Yarn is made of fine aluminum with a plastic covering.

Spectacle lenses of clear plastic are reported by manufacturers to be as good as glass.

An all-steel linen closet equipped with sliding doors that will be airtight as well as moth and vermin proof, will be on the market soon, a manufacturer reports.

A plastic shoe that remains shiny and scuffless if washed with soap and water has been developed by a manufacturer.

Truman Order to Cut U. S. Expenses "Encouraging"

NAM Head Hopes it Will Bring Results

Washington — President Truman's recent statement in which he directed the heads of Federal departments and agencies to reduce expenditures in the next 12 months to the lowest possible level" as one in which "all citizens must find encouragement," according to Robert R. Wason, president of the National Association of Manufacturers.

"In using the words 'one of the most effective means' of reducing inflationary pressures 'is to reduce Federal expenditures,' the President now forcefully, and we hope effectively, has come to grips with what NAM and other organizations have been emphasizing for months," Mr. Wason said.

The Roadblocks

"Last February NAM embarked on a campaign to combat the three roadblocks to prosperity—OPA restrictions on production, a politically designed labor policy that encouraged industrial strife, and excessive government expenditures.

"Though the controversy over OPA has been uppermost in the minds of most people, NAM spokesmen have continued to point out that strikes and inflationary pressures brought about by continued deficit spending and the excessive level of Federal expenditures were equally dangerous to the economy."

Congratulating President Truman on his "forthright and explicit" order, Mr. Wason commented that "its value in the future must be measured by the extent to which it brings about a significant reduction in government spending."

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Smile Awhile—

"We hadn't been married a week and he hit me with a piece of sponge cake, Your Honor."

"Disorderly conduct. Five dollars and costs."

"And Judge, I made the cake with my own hands."

"Assault with a deadly weapon—one year."

Mrs. Brown: "Whenever I'm in the dumps, I get myself a new hat."

Mrs. Jones: "I was wondering where you got them!"

"Gosh! That sounds like the warden, and I've been afraid of firearms ever since my birth."

"Was your mother frightened by a gun?"

"No, but I think my father was."

Father: "Your new little brother just arrived."

Modern Brat: "Where did he come from?"

Pop: "Oh, from a far away country."

M.B.: "Another alien!"

"Mother, may I go in to swim?"

"Certainly not, my dear—it's far too deep."

"But Daddy is swimming."

"Yes, dear, but he's insured."

Husband: "I am going to discharge our chauffeur. Four times recently he almost killed me."

Wife: "Oh, give him another chance."

Judge: "But if a man is on his hands and knees in the middle of the road, it doesn't prove he was drunk."

Policeman: "No, Sir—but this guy was trying to roll up the white line!"

A Kentucky Colonel always closed his eyes when he took a drink. When questioned concerning this habit he readily explained. "The sight of good lickah, sah," he said, "always makes my mouth watah, sah, and I do not like to dilute my drink, sah."

Teacher: "And tell me what is a gentleman, Robert?"

Robert: "A tired wolf, teacher."

She: "Look here, Mac, how long is this car going to keep stalling like this?"

Mac: "Just as long as you do, sister."

PEARL CHAVEZ—Portrait of Jennifer Jones as Pearl Chavez, half-breed Indian girl, as she appears in David O. Selznick's gigantic Technicolor western, "Duel in the Sun."

Woman: "What's your cat's name?"

Little Boy: "Ben Hur."

Woman: "Funny name for a cat. How'd you happen to pick up such a name for it?"

Little Boy: "Well, we called him Ben until he had kittens."

She: "Do you think you're Santa Claus?"

He: "No."

She: "Then leave my stockings alone."

Granddaughter: "How can a girl keep her youth?"

Grandma: "Never introduce him to another girl."

Deepest sympathy to D. K. and L. T. Womack and families in the death of their brother, H. C. Womack, who passed away September 7 in Shreveport.

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Printing Trades Warn Against Communism

A resolution urging that a "solemn warning be sounded throughout America against Communist penetration, especially in the fields of government, labor, and publicity," was approved recently by the New York State Council of Allied Printing Trades. The resolution termed Communism "repugnant to our ideals and way of life."