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EDITORIALS

From the Columns of Other Newspapers

95 Out of 100 Are Dependent

(Industrial News Review)
If you were to ask the financial status of the new hundred men aged 85 or more you meet, you would find, if they represent the average, that only five have independent incomes large enough to live on decently without working; that 25 continue to work for a living; that 57 are dependent for their livelihood upon relatives, friends or public charity.

Every one of these men started out in life with high hopes. Every one envisioned a self-sustaining, self-respecting old age, in which he could retire on the savings he had made during his productive years, and enjoy himself without worry and without dependence on any person or institution.

Five of the hundred men achieved that goal. Ninety-five failed to reach it.

These are facts—unpleasant as they are, they will be faced by every person of foresight and courage who is not yet too old to make the most of the lesson they teach. There is no royal road to old age independence for most of us—it can be reached only by a plan which uses some of the dollars we earn with comparative ease now to care for our needs and ambitions when dollars come hard.

And So It Goes

(Exchange)
Of the three generations that live upon the earth, only the middle aged are actually current—the youth lives in the future and the aged live in the past. If you are a younger person your relatives have funny ways, your home town is a hick town and old folks are old fogies. If you are the aged, the weather is just a little off and the young folks are going to the devil. Out on the street you can find a person who has never made a mark in it, ready to tell you what is the matter with the world. Life always has been like that, it probably always will be.

Christmas Toys.

(Exchange)
Christmas, the great toy season, is already making itself felt in the shops, reminding those who have small friends and relations that before long they will have to decide what presents they will buy.

Among the new ideas displayed for sale is a gun, a miniature American gangster's weapon, which, one is assured, spits fire from a flint. The gangster atmosphere suggested by the gun leads itself to the invention of photo and counterplots, and dark deeds, and other wild exploits, enhanced by the fact that such people as gangsters are not fictitious, or merely belonging to a past age, but actually exist today. But why put a toy on the market which tends to glorify people of this kind?

For the girls there are no guns—nor even pop ones. But there are first-aid boxes which they can make up for it, for while the brothers do the shooting the sisters, one supposes, will do the patching up.

It is strange that in the present critical time of the world's history when the vital need for peaceful relations, at home as well as abroad, is uppermost in the thoughts of men, something that is equally popular and civilly more profitable should have been put on the market for the amusement of the world's future citizens.

A Vicious Circle

(Louisville, Ky., Courier-Journal)
Wars bring debts and wars bring debts. The war has brought still more debts. The war has brought the fearful cost of preparing armies and navies and fortifications as the result of fear that war may come again, and the interminable bill for pensions, hospitalization, bonuses, and institutional care bankrupt nations and keep millions of people in bondage. Did any good ever come out of any war—that was not far outweighed by much greater evil?

Carelessness—the Highwayman

(Exchange)
Public Enemy Number One assumed to be a gangster. But compared with the \$2,000,000,000 economic loss caused every year by careless motorists, the annual haul of all the bank robbers in the

United States resembles the day's work of an amateur pickpocket. Carelessness and haste on the highways caused 54,000 fatalities in the last eighteen months. It is a toll for the American Expeditionary Forces during a year and one half of World War. A patriotic feedback of the world struggle is seen in the effort to keep the United States out of it war, but the public again still tolerates the striking down of some 80,000 persons every year by careless motorists. The experience of the railroads hinted at a possible solution to the highway problem. Engines virtually eliminated the human element from rail operations with such mechanical devices as the block signal system and automatic braking. Railroad fatalities dropped more than three quarters from 1913 to 1933. Car manufacturers have tried to follow the cue of the railroads by making automobiles that almost drive themselves. Yet, obviously, manufacturers cannot compel the drivers to use their safety equipment.

It is clear that something besides mechanical improvement is needed when the most modernized highways develop into the most dangerous. The Worcester Turnpike, pride of New England engineers, reports more than 500 accidents in three years. The accident rate on highways is becoming more congested is beside the point. Since super-express roads are designed to reduce congestion, the trouble seems to be that they are in most instances, in both ways, old right-of-ways, virtually becoming city streets in places while inviting high speeds. This hints at the lack of planning which threads its way all through the safety problem. Hence, great importance should be attached to New England's proposed system of throughway "tourways."

These tourways would be controlled against competition through state ownership of the borderlands. Access to the main route would be had only at projected crossings where crossroads run either under or over the tourways. Built on entirely new rights-of-way, the tourways would conveniently lift one half the traffic burdens off local roads where most of the accidents occur. Cities would be relieved of through traffic congestion. Police could lay their hands more effectively upon the flagrantly careless.

While working on this plan would not solve the whole highway problem, it certainly would be a long step in the right direction. The cost argument will be raised, but not by those who think in terms of money wisely spent.

Whole Country Gains

(Exchange)
The extent to which the increasing prosperity of the motor industry is benefiting the entire country is illustrated by a list of the principle materials which go into the manufacture of automobiles and trucks.

The automotive industry uses:

- 75 per cent of rubber imports.
- 70 per cent of all plate glass manufactured.
- 57 per cent of malleable iron.
- 40 per cent of the supply of upholstery leather.
- 40 per cent of all mohair made.
- 40 per cent of all lead.
- 30 per cent of all the nickel consumed.
- 20 per cent of the American steel output.
- 15 per cent of all aluminum.
- 15 per cent of the Nation's cast iron.
- 13 per cent of the country's tin.
- 12 per cent of the zinc output.

The automotive industry now purchases yearly:

- 500,000 bales of cotton.
- 10,000,000 gallons of paint.
- 30,000,000 yards of upholstery cloth.
- 35,000,000 pounds of hair and padding.
- 500,000,000 board-feet of lumber.
- American motorists also buy:
- 400,000,000 gallons of lubricating oil.
- 15,300,000,000 gallons of gasoline.

The millions of people all over the United States who are engaged in producing or processing or transporting these commodities, are enjoying the automotive industry's comeback, as truly as those who build cars in the Detroit area or distribute them throughout the country.

Indiana has outlawed the woman chaper. Does that state if a woman wants to get money out of a man she's got to marry the creature and take her chances.

"Little Stories for Bedtime" by Thornton W. Burgess



LIGHTFOOT WATCHES AND WAITS

THERE had been a great change in Lightfoot the Deer. Peter Rabbit had noticed it. Sammy Jay had noticed it. So had Blacky the Crow. All three of them understood it. They understood it perfectly. They knew that Lightfoot was watching and waiting for the day which would bring into the Green Forest the hunters with terrible guns seeking to kill him.

As long as the leaves had remained green Lightfoot had wandered about where he pleased, careless of who saw him. He had even visited Farmer Brown's garden in



Peter Rabbit Had Noticed It.

broad daylight. He had joined Farmer Brown's cows in the Old Pasture and grazed with them contentedly. He had been free of fear. But now Lightfoot was like any other creature. He didn't seem at all the same animal. It was rarely that he moved about much until after the Black Shadows had crept out from the Purple Hills. It was

then that he fed and visited his favorite drinking place to the Lullaby Brook. But from the time the first Jolly Little Sunbeam came creeping through the Green Forest at the beginning of day until the Black Shadows chased them out at the beginning of night, Lightfoot remained hidden in thickets or behind tangles of fallen trees in the depths of the Green Forest.

Sometimes he would lie for hours in his hiding place. Sometimes he would stand motionless for the longest time, his big ears cocked forward to catch every little sound, his great, soft eyes watching for the lightest movement among the trees, his delicate nose testing every Merry Little Breeze that came his way for the dreaded scent of man.

When he moved about he took the greatest care to move silently. Every few steps he stopped to look, listen and test the air. The snapping of a twig would set him to trembling with fear and suspicion.

Lightfoot was watching and waiting for the coming of the most dreadful thing that can come into the lives of the people of the Green Forest, the coming of the hunters with their terrible guns. Sometimes he wished they would come. It would be easier to know what to do. Nothing, you know, is harder than watching and waiting as Lightfoot was now.

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THROUGH A Woman's Eyes

By JEAN NEWTON

THE "OFF TIMES" IN MARRIAGE ARE DANGEROUS TIMES

"I'll bet she's sorry she made those statements!"

The remark was in reference to a sensational incident in an already sensational murder trial that for some time held first page space in newspapers all over the country.

A woman's husband was the trial for murder and she was on the witness stand. His attorneys had tried through her testimony to prove that they were very happily married and now she was being cross-examined. Suddenly the prosecutor whipped out a piece of paper which contained statements furnishing unquestionable evidence of "marital rift." These were statements that she did not wish to back up, with which she did not agree, and which were damaging to her and her husband. And it was suggested by an observer that they were probably made during one of those "off" periods which take place between the most happily married.

The matter is interesting to all married women for the thought it brings up about those "off times." They are times that are fraught with danger. And the danger is not only in writing down something that will be damaging long after it is forgotten, but the danger of saying something that will be remembered by others long after it is forgotten by the husband or wife involved. It is a fact more common to women than men to speak impulsively at such a time, to express the dissatisfaction of the moment without thought to the fact that it makes a permanent impression.

My advice to the woman who finds herself irresistibly tempted to such unwise words is to have a special lock for the door of her most inaccessible room, to which she can go at such dangerous times until the agitation of the incident and its rash impulses have safely passed.

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"It's just like one of those kind of wives," says soliloquizing Elizabeth, "to know the answers to all the questions but never what's wrong."

Mother's Cook Book

DESSERTS AND THINGS

A DESSERT does not need to be either elaborate in its preparation or expensive in cost to be appetizing. Many of the simplest of desserts are the most popular.

Duchess Cream.

This delightful dessert serves fifteen, so it may be cut into half for the ordinary family. Cook six tablespoons of sugar in boiling water until clear, cool, add a little salt, one cupful of sugar, the juice of two oranges and two lemons. Cook until thick. Cool, then add the pineapple one cupful of finely broken nuts and a pint of whipping cream beaten stiff.

Two-Two Dessert.

Take the juice of two lemons, the finely mashed pulp of two bananas and two cupfuls of sugar. Add a quart of this cream, a pinch of salt and freeze.

Dainty Dessert.

Cut, with scissors, dipped into cold water, one pound of marshmallows, add one cupful of cut pecan meats, or almonds if preferred; add enough whipped cream to make a mure to stand up well. Serve in sherbet glasses with a spoonful or two of orange and pineapple juice poured over each. Top with a maraschino cherry.

Spanish Pepper Salad.

Disolve one package of lemon gelatin in one and one-fourth cupfuls of boiling water, add a teaspoonful of salt, the juice of a lemon and one-half cupful of mild vinegar. Mix with six canned pimientos finely chopped, one cupful each of pecans cut fine, and celery, also finely cut. Mold in individual molds and serve with highly seasoned mayonnaise, unmolded on nests of lettuce.

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Do You Know—



That Amsterdam, Holland, is the only city in the world which has satisfactorily solved the housing problem? It has no slums, all the tenements having been razed and modern apartment houses erected in their stead, with apartments which rent for as low as \$10 a month.

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WEST POINT PARK

Dolores Mix was home from school last week with a severe cold.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Schmitt and Robert Schmitt, of Redford, were guests Wednesday evening of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gould.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Gedig of Detroit were Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Owen.

Miss Alma Berger was the Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Denney of Royal Oak.

Mr. and Mrs. William Zwalhen, Miss Shirley, and Miss Helen Berger were luncheon guests Sunday evening of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Decker of Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Phillips of Howard City were guests Saturday evening of Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Ault.

Mrs. L. B. Gilbert is the guest of her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gilbert of Detroit.

Mrs. A. Sheets of Ft. Wayne, Indiana, is the guest of her daughter and family Mr. and Mrs. Homer Coolman.

Mrs. Evelyn Keller, and her two children, Audrey Jean and Andrew of Northville were dinner guests Friday evening of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Helchman.

Mr. and Mrs. James Eastman and Miss Anna Thayer were guests Friday afternoon of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bryan.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sharrow were guests Saturday evening of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Weber of Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rosenbloom moved last week to the house on the corner of Farmington and Banks Roads.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Ault and Miss Helen Ault, visited the city at Ann Arbor, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sharrow were the guests Thursday of Mrs. Orr Passage of Plymouth.

Miss Helen Berger was the Sunday dinner guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Zwalhen.

Mrs. Melvin Murphy, Ruth and

Robert Murphy of Terre Haute, Indiana, are guests of her sisters, Misses Alma and Helen Berger.

CHANGE IN ADDRESS

The mailing address of all ships of the United States Navy stationed in the Far East has been changed from Seattle, Washington, to San Francisco, California.

Send in news items EARLY

NAVY ALWAYS READY

The United States Navy is held ready at all times to render aid in case of disaster. No one can read the accounts of the Japanese and California earthquakes without appreciating the great work the Navy did there and does in every major catastrophe. The Navy is at ever ready trained force to render aid to our own people or to our neighbors in time of national calamity.

DON'T APPLY "Sanctions"

AGAINST YOUR OWN NEIGHBORS

When nations apply "sanctions"—that is, cut off trade with another nation—there may be economic hardship on all sides.

The same may be true of communities and individuals. How few of us stop to think when we trade unnecessarily away from home, that we are in a small way applying "sanctions" against our own merchants and neighbors!

It is a good thing to trade at home whenever possible. It helps to keep local wealth circulating for local good. Let us keep this in mind and do our proper part as citizens of this community. We shall all benefit as a result.



The Farmington State Bank

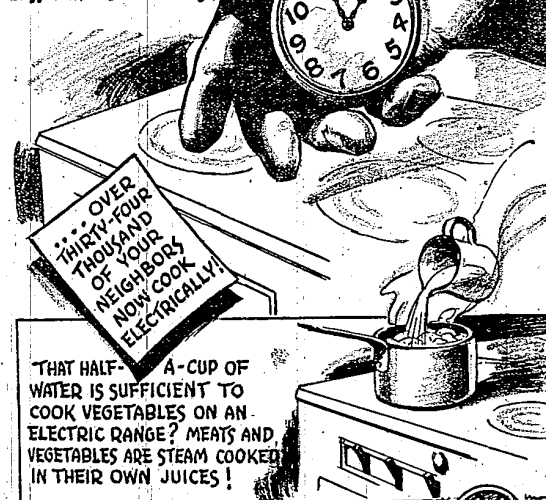
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Farmington, Michigan

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DO YOU KNOW..

THAT THE OVEN OF ONE MAKE OF ELECTRIC RANGE IS THE FASTEST IN THE WORLD? IT COMES UP TO 400 DEGREES IN LESS THAN 6 MINUTES!



THAT HALF-A-CUP OF WATER IS SUFFICIENT TO COOK VEGETABLES ON AN ELECTRIC RANGE? MEATS AND VEGETABLES ARE STEAM COOKED IN THEIR OWN JUICES!

THAT THE AVERAGE COST OF ELECTRIC COOKING IS LESS THAN A CENT A MEAL PER PERSON?



THAT YOU CAN STOP IN AT THE DETROIT EDISON OFFICE AND HAVE A TRIAL ELECTRIC RANGE INSTALLED IN YOUR KITCHEN—WITHOUT OBLIGATION?