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Fertilizer Boosts Farm Income



CHICAGO.—One dollar out of every eleven received by American farmers from the sale of farm products of every kind annually represents income resulting from the use of fertilizer promoting increased crop yields.

At the same time, only one dollar out of every thirty-nine received from the sale of farm products is spent for fertilizer, according to a study of farm income.

"In 1938 farmers received \$7,538,600,000 for all agricultural products,

including livestock," a bulletin points out. "In the same year they paid \$129,000,000 for their commercial fertilizer. Thus the increased profits resulting from the use of fertilizer were \$68,420,000 or more than three dollars for every dollar spent.

"While the price of fertilizer is lower by comparison than practically any other commodity the farmer buys, he spends less for it annually than for wages for hired help, feed for livestock, farm implements, gasoline or taxes."

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT SOCIAL SECURITY

(Editor's Note: This is the fifth in a series of questions and answers relating to the amended social security program.)

Question: What is meant by a "primary insurance benefit" under the old-age and survivors insurance program?

Answer: An insured worker's individual benefit, based on his average monthly wage from employment covered by the program.

Question: What does the term "fully insured" mean, as used in the old-age insurance amendments?

Answer: In general a "fully insured" worker is one who has worked in covered employment for a period of time equal to half the time after 1936 (or his 21st birthday, if it is later) and before he reaches age 65 or dies. The minimum period necessary to be fully insured is six quarters in covered employment. After a worker has reached the 48 quarter of coverage whether he is in covered employment thereafter.

Question: What benefits are payable with respect to a "fully insured" individual?

Answer: Any of the benefits available under the system, the benefits actually payable depending in a particular case on the circumstances.

Question: What are the circumstances under which payments can be made?

Answer: There are four. First, the worker may reach age 65 and retire, thereupon receiving his own monthly retirement benefit. Second, there are supplementary benefits for the aged wife or for dependent children of the worker. Third, there are survivors' monthly benefits, for an aged widow, a younger widow with dependent children in her care and the dependent children themselves; or if there is no widow or children entitled to benefits, these may be paid to dependent parents. Finally there is a lump-sum death benefit if there is no survivor entitled to monthly benefits.

Question: How are the supplementary benefits for aged wives and dependent children of an annuitant figured?

Answer: Each receives an amount equal to half the worker's own primary benefit.

Question: What amounts are paid to survivors?

Answer: A widow's benefit is equal to three-fourths of her husband's monthly benefit. For a dependent child or for a dependent parent the benefit is one-half of the worker's monthly benefit.

CHRISTMAS SEAL MONEY USED FOR SYMPTOM STUDY

The most important use of money contributed by the people of Michigan through purchase of tuberculosis Christmas seals is to teach "danger signals" according to Dr. John Alexander, head of chest surgery at the University of Michigan and former president of the Michigan Tuberculosis Association.

People armed with knowledge recognize the symptoms and will report to their physicians for a thorough examination including X-ray, he said.

For in spite of the fact that for over a third of a century tuberculosis associations have been engaged in throwing light into dark places, there remains a shocking number of people who have advanced cases of tuberculosis and do not know it, Dr. Alexander declared.

"They are the ones who turn to honey when they begin to lose weight, have a poor appetite or experience unusual tiredness," Dr. Alexander said. "They are the chronic coughers who hopelessly believe their condition due to bronchitis and who drink rivers of cough syrup in vain."

"There is only one way to reach these people and that is through education. If a case of tuberculosis is discovered at an early period in

its development, proper treatment can bring about a quick recovery so that the former patient may return to work and a normal family life."

"Fortunately few people in Michigan believe that they can get a remedy for tuberculosis out of boxes or bottles. Thanks to the education program financed by Christmas Seals, the per capita knowledge of tuberculosis is high in this state while the death rate is correspondingly low."

ARMY ISSUES SECOND CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

A second call has been made for hundreds of young men from Michigan to enlist voluntarily in the Regular Army. "These young men are desired under the 'limited emergency' expansion program recently announced by the President," said Colonel Ralph M. Parker, Chief of Staff, Michigan Military Area.

"Opportunities are offered for rapid promotion to enlisted men under the present expansion program. A good man goes ahead in the army," said Colonel Parker.

"Those desiring to travel have a chance to select their station under the present call."

Enlistments are desired for the Infantry, Medical Corps and Field Artillery, Fort Ord, California; Georgia; Infantry, Camp Bonneville, Washington; Antiaircraft Artillery, Fort Sheridan, Illinois; Air Corps, Selfridge Field, Michigan; Kelly Field, Texas and Hawaii; also Coast Artillery, Panama Canal Zone. Recruits for the West Coast and Hawaii shall be sent via New York and the Panama Canal to San Francisco.

Revolving parties from Fort Wayne, Detroit and Selfridge Field

are now touring the principal cities of the Lower Peninsula. Recruiting offices are now open in the Federal Buildings at Flint, Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, Lansing, Saginaw and Detroit.

INDIRECT TAXES IN CLOTHES BILL PRODUCE \$308,750

Indirect taxes buried in the cost of clothing sold in Oakland County's apparel stores last year produced an estimated \$308,750 for local, state and national governments, the National Consumers Tax Commission reported today.

"This tremendous burden of hidden taxes was paid by unsuspecting shoppers as unseen parts of their apparel purchases," Mrs. Melville Muckelstone, president of the NCTC, stated in the report.

"These are taxes against producers, manufacturers, shippers and distributors which, of necessity, must be passed along to the consumer. Studies at our Chicago headquarters show hidden taxes take nearly 10 per cent of clothing costs."

Mrs. Muckelstone, leader in the Commission's nation-wide campaign to "arouse tax consciousness and to oppose consumer-penalizing taxes," pointed out the taxes refer to clothing sales in apparel stores only and do not include clothing sales in department and general stores.

The study was made public through Mrs. Arlie L. Hopkins, of Bear Lake, national committee member, who, with Miss Leatha C. McGee, of Detroit, state director, heads the NCTC educational program in Michigan. Groups in approximately 5,000 cities and towns throughout the country are active in the tax education program.

The clothing tax figure was computed from NCTC averages based on last available U. S. Bureau of the Census figures which placed 1935 apparel stores sales in the country at \$3,250,000. Government estimates of total sales in the country last year approximate the total in the 1935 study, the NCTC pointed out.

Vegetable World Source of Life of All on Earth

All life is dependent upon the vegetable world for its existence. Through there are plants that can destroy life, the great majority are life sustainers. It has been said, "No grass, no life," which is indeed a fact. The grass-eating animals, the cattle, sheep and others, are entirely dependent upon vegetation for their existence, and the flesh-eating animals are dependent upon the herbivora for their existence.

There is also a Census of animals that use both animals and vegetables in their diet—yet all the primarily dependent upon the vegetable world, asserts a writer in the Rural New Yorker.

How the plant collects the crude food material from the soil and spreads it out among the leaves to be acted upon by the sunlight is fairly understood; how the different substances are selected is not known; how it is that one plant is poisonous and another alongside is wholesome is unknown.

The chemical substances collected with the water, which forms the sap, is carried to the leaves and there exposed to the sunlight. But the mysterious changes take place, the crude materials being converted into starch, sugar and other substances capable of sustaining the life of the plant and animals. How these changes are effected is entirely unknown; many investigators are trying to discover the secret.

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