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## WASHINGTON DIGEST

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cause he delivered the shortest prayer. Later on Dr. Harris' prayers became longer, a common phenomenon among senate chaplains according to some of the old timers in congress. What they don't add is that in the speech-making body in the country, the affliction may be contagious. Some jealous senators think chaplains should stick to their prayers, and leave the speeches to the laity.

Traditionally, filling of the chaplain's post is a majority party prerogative, and so when the Republican 80th congress convened, and disposing of the question of Senator Bilbo's qualifications, Senator Wherry arose to offer a resolution that Dr. Marshall be elected chaplain of the senate.

But Wherry's proposal touched off an argument occupying nine close-typed columns in the Congressional Record. (No chaplain would dare deliver a sermon that long.)

Democratic Sen. Alben Barkley maintained that Dr. Harris had done a fine job and should be retained. He added that politics should not be permitted to touch the office of senate chaplain. He opined that Republicans were "offering a very poor example for the time when the Democrats resume control of the body two years from now" (1948-1949).

Republican Senator Bridges was shocked at the implication that politics might be involved. Why, he protested, he didn't even know Dr. Marshall's politics. In fact, the New Hampshire legislator added, Dr. Marshall had no vote because he lives in the District of Columbia.

Senator Wherry remarked that Dr. Marshall had known the senators were going to squabble over him, he'd probably never been permitted his name to be brought up.

But the Republicans had their majority. Dr. Marshall got the job, and as far as I can learn, nobody has regretted the choice. There are some Washingtonians

## RED DANES MAKE GREAT PROGRESS IN EIGHT YEARS

The American Red Danish Cattle association was recently organized by 52 dairymen from 11 Michigan counties. This started from a small beginning made eight years ago when the extension service at Michigan State college arranged to have the first imported Red Dane bull brought into the "thumb" area. Today there are 5,000 Red Danes, some of the first three generations in Michigan.

A. C. Baltzer, extension dairyman, fostered the program from its beginning. It marks the origin of a program whereby a dairy farmer with ordinary grade dairy cows can build up a herd having registered animals.

"All of the original 14 farmers who started this program are still with it and were among the enthusiastic supporters of the national organization," Baltzer said. About 300 dairymen now are participating in the program. It requires that every participant have his herd in a Dairy Improvement Association testing program. To prevent scrub males from being used, cooperator are also required to castrate bull calves for the first three generations.

Through such a program it is possible to use proven sires to build into herds higher milk production. Registration will be under the direction of the following board of directors named at the recent meeting at Bay City: Harry Frowne, Marlette; Otto Klein, Harrisville; Clifford Shantz, Fairview; Basil Redmond, Marlette; Alfred Buckner, Harrisville; James Lilly, Sr., Harrisville; Harvey Handrich, Mio; Milton Rogers, Fairview and Alex Davies, Marlette.

who have read and listened to this Scottish boy whom America has awarded for achievement in a calling in which there are other few. Early awards who feel that his presence in the Lincoln Church is quite as "appropriate" as his appointment as chaplain of the senate. They feel that if the ghost of the Great Emancipator ever slips into his old pew of a Sunday, he smiles in approval of the simple, earthy truisms, not too unlike his own, which come down from one pulpit in that friendly Scottish burr, with the same terse impact with which they echo from the rostrum of the senate.

## VETERAN NEWS

From the OFFICE OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS  
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**LOAN SHARKS SINK TEETH IN TERMINAL LEAVE BONDS**  
A warning to be on the alert for loan sharks preying on terminal leave bondholders was sounded this week by George E. Jams, Director, National Rehabilitation Service of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, says Army Times.

Although the Armed Forces Leave Act makes terminal leave bonds non-assignable and non-negotiable until five years from the issue date, increasing reports from VFW service officers reveal that "sharp operators" have found the means to their end.

There are variations on the scheme, Jams said, but it follows this general pattern: The loan shark suggests to the bondholder veterans that he can realize some ready cash for his "worthless" bond — values of which are scaled from top of \$1500 down to \$55 — for a "small interest fee."

While most veterans know that the earliest any bond will mature is April 1, 1948, had most of them much heard many servicemen are in need of the extra finances and can be enticed by the bait.

Then comes the clincher. The speculator agrees to give the veteran 50 per cent of the face value in cash immediately, hold the bond as security and pay another 25 per cent if the veteran signs the bond when payment by the Government comes.

The Loan Shark realizes 25 per cent of the bond's face value plus interest computed at 2 1/2 per cent annually. On a \$500 bond, the "warrior" stands to reap up to \$165.50 for his initial investment of \$250.

"Unfortunately, there is no penalty provided in connection with usurious interest or other fees derived by a lender in such cases," Jams said. Meanwhile, he said, veterans who are approached by unscrupulous speculators should report the incident to veterans' organization officials, or the press in their hometowns so that the loan sharks can be exposed and other veterans protected from mistakenly entering into such transactions.

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## MICHIGAN DAIRYMEN EARN \$208,000,000 FOR 1946 OUTPUT

The dairy industry, number one money-maker for Michigan farmers, brought state dairymen approximately 208 million dollars in 1946, according to recent U. S. department of agriculture farm production figures.

A. C. Baltzer, extension dairyman at Michigan State college states that milk sold at wholesale accounted for the largest share of the total income. Seventy-three per cent of Michigan's milk production went to plants and dealers and brought farmers 153 million dollars.

Cash sales of milk, cream, and butter brought 153 million dollars. Michigan's production income ranked sixth in the nation. Wisconsin led the cash income list with 608 million dollars.

The 24 million cows in the United States fell below Michigan's one million cows in the field. The average U. S. cow produced 4,891 pounds of milk and 155 pounds of butterfat while her Michigan sister produced 5,640 pounds of milk and 225 pounds of butterfat. The first three months of 1947 show the nation's production to be running about three-fourths billion pounds in advance of the same three months of 1946. Michigan figures are in approximately the same ratio.

During June, designated as Dairy Month, many Michigan farmers will

join farmers all over the nation in contributing one cent a pound for all butterfat marketed during the month. The money will be used by state units of the American Dairy association to insure future dairy markets through advertising promotion, merchandising and research.

The contributions are voluntary and it is estimated 90 to 95 per cent of the members of dairy marketing organizations are cooperating.

## Still Have Time To Plant Bean Crop This Year

June — traditional bean planting month — is moving right along, but H. R. Pettigrove, bean specialist at Michigan State college, says that there still is time for a good bean crop to be planted.

June 16 is the latest date that is usually recommended for pea bean planting. Pettigrove points out, however, that excellent fields of beans often result when they have been planted later. If the growing season is long enough, the later planted beans do well.

Kidney beans usually mature in a shorter season than pea beans and can be planted as late as June 25. This later date helps in control of the bacterial blight disease. Late planted beans become less diseased and consequently give higher yields.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

## Can't Break His Good Habits!

Bert Childers was saying, it's funny how so many of our wartime habits stick with us.

Bert likes plenty of butter on his bread, but even now he can't get over spreading it like it was scarce as hen's teeth. And as a war worker, Bert used to stick to a temperate glass of beer on time off; and he still holds fast to beer and moderation.

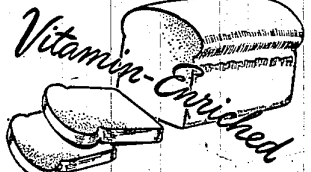
Same way with Bert's wife. She not only has no trouble saving used fats, and waste paper. She's learned from wartime necessity to

save every single thing that might possibly be used again.

From where I sit, it's mighty good that so many of these common-sense habits like thrift and moderation have stayed with us. Because they belong in America — along with tolerance, and mutual respect for one another's rights. They're habits that have helped to make this country strong and neighborly and free.

Joe Marsh

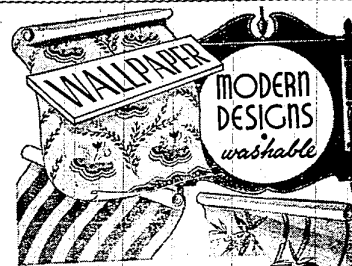
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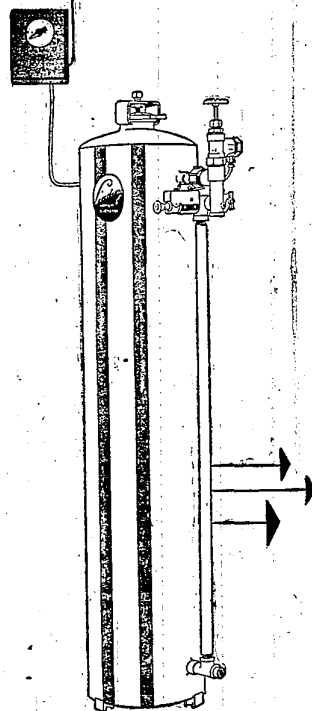
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