



ONE FOR THE ROAD—Toy that is—and the idea is to give it to the youngster on your vacation tour to keep him busy and happy. The idea comes from a women's travel director of a national company, and Oregon motorists can start using it right now.

"Last year," she reports, "85 per cent of vacation travel in the United States was done by car, and the figure for 1960 will be even higher." One of her tips for traveling families is the mystery box. "Take a hatbox, fruit-

cake tin or shoebox, decorate it, and fill it with small, gaily-wrapped toys. When the child gets restless, open it, and let him dig. Just budget the toys and 'digs' for the length of the trip."

Some precautions: pick harmless toys like plastic model cars, boats, drawing books, soft dolls. Leave out heavy, sharp or pointed toys, or things that might distract the driver. The travel expert also suggests using mystery box toys as prizes for guessing and word games, and rewards for good behavior.

Sugar Tricks For Summer Ease, Mealtime Pleasure

Long summer days offer plenty of time to indulge in whipping up something different for the family dinner table to tempt appetites a bit jaded by too much picnic-style fare.

To dress up cookies, cakes and desserts sprinkle tops with colored sugar-quick, easy, and inexpensive. With a fork blend vegetables food coloring into 1-half cup sugar; 6 drop for light color, 12 drops for medium, 24 drops for dark. Let sugar dry on wax paper at room temperature. Store in small screw top jars.

English Trifle can be prepared quickly using the convenience foods on the market. Spread strawberry preserves on a pound cake, cut into 1 inch cubes, place in a 2-quart serving bowl; pour 1/3 cup sweet sherry over cake. Drain juice from No. 2 and 1/2 can of fruit cocktail, spoon over cake; pour 2 cups prepared vanilla pudding over fruit. Sprinkle with slivered almonds. Chill for several hours and serve with sweetened whipped cream for an elegant dessert.

Keep a jar of sugar syrup in

the refrigerator during the summer months to use for the sweetening of iced fruit drinks - shortens the preparation time. To prepare the syrup, mix 2 cups of beet sugar and 1 cup of water, boil together five minutes. Store in a covered jar in the refrigerator.

Strawberry Preserves can be prepared quickly and easily using this method. In kettle combine 2 cups beet sugar, 2 tablespoons water and 1 tablespoon strained lemon juice place on medium heat until bubbles form on surface, about 6 minutes. Add 2 cups washed and hulled strawberries; bring to a boil, stirring often; boil just 4 minutes. Pour into shallow platter, skim. Let stand at room temperature 48 hours, stirring occasionally. Pack into hot, sterilized jars; seal at once. Make about 3 half pints.

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YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY

QUESTION: I am operating a small business. Can I still operate my business and receive social security benefits?

ANSWER: Not usually. However, there are three exceptions. If your net earnings from the business are not over \$2080 in a taxable year you could be entitled to one or more checks; if you do not perform work of a substantial nature in connection with a business in a month, you could be entitled for that month no matter how much your business nets; and if you are age 72 or over you could receive benefits regardless of the amount of work you do and of the amount of net earnings from the business.

QUESTION: I think my employer has been using an incorrect social security number for me during the past three years. What do I do now?

ANSWER: Ask your local Post Office or any Social Security office for a "Wage Statement Request" card. Complete the blanks on the card and mail it to the Baltimore address stamped on the card. In a few days you will receive a record of your wages credited to your number.

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QUESTION: I have a disabled child. I have not reached retirement age as yet. Should I or my wife establish the child's disability now or wait until I retire?

ANSWER: You should wait until you retire. At the time you file for your benefits you will be asked whether or not you have disabled children of any age.

QUESTION: My husband was receiving \$50 per month Social Security benefits. He died June 15, 1960. I am returning his June check for \$50 to your office. Will that check be reissued for \$25 to pay for the 15 days he lived in June?

ANSWER: No. No part checks are issued. A beneficiary must live through a month to be entitled to any benefits for that month. Since your husband died June 15, he is entitled to no part of the \$50 check you returned.

QUESTION: I am having difficulty finding a record of my birth. Would statements of my brother and sister be enough to establish my age for social security purposes?

ANSWER: Not usually. Statements of relatives are based on memory and are usually influenced by what you might tell them about your birth. You should attempt to locate a school census record, insurance papers, an old medical record, discharge papers, or some other document showing your age or date of birth.

QUESTION: I heard there is a six-month waiting period before Social Security disability benefits can be paid. When the first check comes after the seventh month, does it include payments for the six previous months as well as the seventh?

ANSWER: No. The Social Security Law provides for no payment of disability benefits for six full months following the onset of disability. You would never receive benefits for these months.

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