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EDITORIALS

DEATH ON THE HIGHWAY

The Travelers Insurance Company has issued a book entitled "Live and Let Live". It deals, through statistics and graphic illustrations, with the traffic accident record in 1935, when 26,100 lives were destroyed by automobiles. It would be a great thing for the cause of safety if every citizen could read the booklet, meditate upon it, and act upon the lessons it gives and implies.

What caused serious accidents last year? As in the past, excessive speed was the undertaker's best friend, accounting for 31 per cent of all accidents in which persons were killed and injured. A heavy foot on the accelerator smooths the path to the morgue.

Next came driving on the wrong side of the road, the cause of 17 per cent of the accidents. "Keep to the right" seems to be a laugh to many drivers.

Cars not having the right of way caused 15 per cent of the accidents. Their drivers saved a second or two at the expense of life and health.

Fourteen per cent of the accidents occurred when cars drove off the roadway. Many causes may enter into this type of accident—and drunken driving, which seems to be on the increase, is among them. A substantial portion of motorists must be taught, no matter how roughly, that alcohol and gasoline make a poor mixture.

Reckless driving caused 13 per cent of the accidents, with the remaining 10 per cent laid to miscellaneous causes.

Think over this list. How often have you been guilty of one or more of the violations listed? Sure, you got away with it last time—but remember that next time you may not be so lucky.

SHARE THE WEALTH

Bill asked Jake if he was in favor of the divide-the-wealth plan. Sure, said Jake. If you had a thousand dollars in the bank would you give me half, asked Bill? Certainly. If you had a dozen cows would you be willing to give me six? Sure. If you had forty acres of land would you give me twenty? Of course. And if you had two pigs would you divide? No, you dern fool; I have two pigs.—Buffalo, South Dakota, Times Herald.

THE SERVICE OF INDUSTRY

Discussing the use of surpluses created by industry in good times, the New York Times points out that they perform an important social function. "They are used," the Times reveals, "for the replacement of obsolete machinery, for the installation of new machinery, for the erection of new factories and office buildings, for the creation of new capital goods of every variety."

"The creation of these new capital goods cumulatively increases the volume of consumption goods that American industry can turn out year by year for our people. It increases the productivity of the American workman, and hence his earning power. It provides endlessly new opportunities for employment."

Using the automobile industry as an example, the Times quotes figures from the "Financial History of the Automobile Industry" to show that in one year out of \$1,658,000,000 capital invested in the automobile companies, all but \$325,000,000 had come from reinvestment out of surpluses of the corporations themselves.

"At the present time, as has been constantly emphasized," the Times states, "the great bulk of the existing unemployment is the capital-goods industries. These industries depend overwhelmingly for their revival and expansion upon re-investment of corporation surpluses."

"Should fear of a drastic tax of surplus retained for re-investment lead corporations to curtail present plans for plant expansion, a heavy blow would be dealt to potential recovery and the hopes for re-employment."

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For The American

In this article I shall endeavor to tell something of the set up of a camp, also some of the functions of those who comprise the organization.

The Commanding Officer is usually one who ranks as a Captain in the U. S. Reserve Army, but a few of the Commanding Officers are from the Regular Army (retired or disabled) and are men who saw service in the World War. As a rule they make very good Commanding Officers, as their long years in the Army has taught them how to appreciate men.

Many of the men in the Reserve have seen no service in actual warfare, are just recently out of some college, or some position with a business firm and because of lack of experience have little or no appreciation of other men.

Under the Captain one usually finds a Lieutenant, sometimes two, and a Sergeant. These men all have army ratings. Under them will be the Mess Stewart, Clerk, Supply Clerk, Doctor and Assistant or First Aid Man, Camp Foreman, Educational Advisory, Leaders, and Assistant Leaders, Helpers of various kinds and Truck Drivers.

The functions of these men are briefly as follows: Captain, executive officer of the camp. Lieutenant, executive next to Captain and acts in the absence of Captain. Sergeant, sees that orders coming from the office regarding various jobs about the camp are properly executed. He sees that supply of wood for cooking and heating is properly disposed of; lights, water, etc., are provided properly. A general all round "lunky." Mess Stewart has to do largely with the execution of orders regarding supplying of food stuff for the kitchen also attends to the overseeing of cooking of meals, preparing the victuals for the table, arrangement of tables, waiters, dish washers, etc. Clerk has general charge of office work, issuing passes from camp, making up camp reports, answering telephones, etc. Supply Clerk has to do with the issuing of clothing, shoes, bedding, and sometimes different tools for performing of work about the camps.

The Doctor has to do, of course, with the health of the men, and sanitation of the camp, also passes judgment upon meat, and other supplies that have to do with camp subsistence. First Aid Man does as his title suggests and assists the Doctor whenever called upon to do so, and acts in the absence of the Doctor. Practically all of these men hold a Red Cross First Aid Certificate.

Camp Foreman has a sort of general job of overseeing the camp as to condition of grounds, buildings, etc. Leaders are men selected, supposedly for their ability to take charge of a group of men and perform work assigned by officers over them. Assistant Leaders are supposed to act in absence of Leaders, also help in execution of orders handed down from those ranking above.

Educational advisors have charge of the school work carried on in the camp. This is a much "blowed up" department but one that quite often amounts to much on paper but actually accomplishes little.

The writer has been connected with and worked for some pretty large concerns, but in none of them have I ever witnessed so much overlapping and unnecessary waste because of duplication.

This "set up" as I have given it may not be complete in all its details but gives one a pretty good insight into the machinery of a Camp.

The pay of the men in a camp is according to one rating.

The common "stiff" or "rookie" or "dummy" gets \$30.00 per month in Government check. The next highest rating is \$36.00 and the highest for a 3C man is \$45.00. Army officers are not included in

this as their pay is fixed by the Army Department; and ranges from around \$120 per month up to, well too much, when the actual value of some men is considered.

One of the reasons for our present extreme high taxes, "Believe It or Not," is our Army.—A Common Citizen.

Items of Interest From the High School

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