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EDITORIALS

BUSINESS OF THE FUTURE

Two young men, Tommy and George Thompson, of Greenwich, Conn., have learned the lesson of what it takes to be a successful businessman in America. Though only 12 and 9 years old, the Thompson brothers run a service company which netted \$750 last year.

Incidentally, the boys have an office in their bedroom. Their father, a penny-a-year man, is the treasurer, and their mother is the secretary with a salary of 20 cents a week.

The President and Vice-President, Tommy and George, run all the errands themselves. They baby sit, walk dogs, mail letters, shine shoes, sell greeting cards and wreaths, wash cars, shovel snow, and run various other kinds of errands.

These two young men are getting an education in getting ahead in the business world. Their success indicates they have already learned there is no substitute for hard work and that the American public wants courteous service.

There are young men in Central Point who could be classed as young businessmen. And, while we are not advocating the repeal of child labor laws, a reasonable amount of work while young people are in school will contribute substantially to their education and to their future adjustment to the realities of their environment.

LETTER FROM WASHINGTON

Harris Ellsworth, M. C.
4th District, Oregon

There has been very little activity on the floor of the House of Representatives thus far this session. If my memory serves me correctly, the roll has been called only twice for record votes on legislation. One of those votes was on the Treasury re-organization plan which did not amount to much anyhow.

My own opinion about legislative bodies in our country—either the state legislatures or the Congress—is that they may be criticized for passing too many new laws rather than too few. Accordingly, I see no harm to be done to the people of our country by the present slow-bell Congress. A few major problems must, of course, have Congressional action. Some decision must be made regarding military training. The Defense Production Act, which contains the control provisions, expires soon and must either be renewed, killed or amended. Appropriations are made annually and those bills must be passed. These items and a few others should and undoubtedly will be acted upon by the House. No vast amount of time will be required on each. Even in slow motion there will be ample time in the next four or five months to complete and pass all of the pending legislation that is actually needed.

Most people do not realize it I know, but every law passed by Congress costs money—some of the laws cost a vast amount of money. But even a minor one must be administered and it is a minor law indeed which does not actually require the employment of more people in the government agencies and bureaus.

It would be an interesting news story if some ambitious and energetic reporter would take one of the minor and innocent looking laws passed during the last year or so and find out just how many new government employees were recruited to enforce it and how much the administration of the law is costing.

Just for fear some spending-minded Congressman or bureaucrat might grab on the above paragraph as an explanation for government extravagance, I hasten to add that it surely cannot explain the following: In 1940 the Department of Commerce cost \$37 million—their present budget request is for \$917 million! In 1940 the Department of Labor spent only \$29 million—now it wants \$263 million! The State Department functioned smoothly in 1940 with an expenditure of \$24 million, but must have \$338 million for the coming fiscal year! I could list some others but I think these give the general idea.

My good friend Congressman John Phillips of California has the following gem in his own weekly letter: "When I was home last summer, one of my Riverside friends, talking about tax increase, remarked he was mad enough 'to blow a gasket.' He needn't worry, if he does. The Army had on hand, on a recent count, 921,602 gaskets for the front axle housing of jeeps. The peak demand in any year, since the Army started using jeeps, was 8,846 gaskets. At that rate, we have enough on hand to last 104 years. Any taxpayer, who feels a gasket-blowing spasm coming on, should write the Army Quartermaster."

Phillips knows what he is talking about because he is a member of the committee which handles armed forces appropriations.

SCANT RETURN—

Buffalo, N.Y.—A couple from Niagara Falls, seeing in a newspaper that they were among those to whom a Federal income tax refund was due, took a day off from work, made the 40-mile round trip here and applied for the refund. It amounted to—1 cent.



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Notes and Comments

Not every dog that bites a man is to blame.

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The truth is the last thing most people want to hear.

The best generals, it seems, are writing for the newspapers.

Advertising is the art of making people know you have what they ought to have.

Giving advice is a habit with human beings, but fortunately ignoring advice is even more strongly ingrained.

When a man is as eager to go to work as he is to leave the office, it is a sure sign that he owns the business.

Inhabitants of small towns, who have space for gardens, have an advantage over their city apartment-dwelling cousins.

"NEAT" ROBBER—

Bluefield, W. Va.—The robber who recently broke into the basement of Mrs. R. E. Gerdtz's home must have been a fastidious man. At the stole, she said, was a new electric iron.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
STATE OF OREGON, FOR
JACKSON COUNTY

IN PROBATE

In the Matter of the Estate of
ADA GERTRUDE LAING, Deceased
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DATED at Medford, Oregon, this 4th day of February, 1952.
WILLIAM LAING,
Executor

28—Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28.

CITATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
STATE OF OREGON FOR
JACKSON COUNTY

In the matter of the Adoption of
BARBARA ANN CONOVER, a
Minor
TO CLAIR RAY CONOVER and
EVA CONOVER:

You are hereby notified that James E. Gunter and Doris Marie Gunter, husband and wife, have petitioned the above entitled Court praying that they be allowed to adopt Barbara Ann Conover, a minor;

In the name of the State of Oregon

you, and all other persons who have, or claim to have, any interest in the matter of the adoption of Barbara Ann Conover, a minor, are cited to appear before this Court, at the courtroom thereof, in the Court-house, at Medford, Jackson County, Oregon, within four (4) weeks from the date of the first publication of this Citation, then and there to show cause, if any you have, why James E. Gunter and Doris Marie Gunter, husband and wife, petitioners in the matter of the adoption of Barbara Ann Conover, a minor, should not adopt Barbara Ann Conover, a minor, as prayed for in their Petition for Adoption of Minor, on file in the above entitled matter.

By order of the aforesaid Circuit Court this 13th day of February, 1952.

ATTEST my hand and official seal of said Court the day and year last above written.
G. R. CARTER, County Clerk
By Della Patton, Deputy
Date of first publication: February 14, 1952.

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