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The Way to Avoid Bankruptcy

More people would take more interest in the problem of the growing Federal debt if they were told frankly that unless the solvency of the government is maintained, every war bond will be worthless. They should be told frankly that buying bonds will not save the country from bankruptcy. But there is a way to keep out of bankruptcy—by paying taxes and by rigid government economy. Everyone who owns a war bond, a life insurance policy or a dollar of savings has a direct interest in this problem. It is no longer a matter for "the other guy" to worry about.

It is now estimated that before the present war is over the Federal debt may reach the staggering sum of \$300,000,000. If this could be divided equally and spread over the entire population, it would mean a debt of about \$2,300 for every man, woman and child in the United States, a debt of about \$4,700 for every person gainfully employed, and based on four persons to the family, a debt of \$9,200 for each and every family of the United States.

This debt cannot be passed on to the other fellow or evaded. If the American people value their freedom, they will insist upon meeting the debt squarely—the hard way—by taxation, and frugality in government.

Next Tuesday, Memorial Day, will bring back to everyone sad memories of loved ones. Sadder of all are the new graves, "the flower of our land, victims of World War II—our thoughts go back to those victims of World War I, who also fought so bravely for their country—can it be said—in vain? The world must find a way before another Memorial Day to stop this useless slaughter of the youth of the nation. Not for just a year—but for evermore.

When a candidate for Congress in a Southern state remarked in a campaign speech, "Now I am going to do something that will tax your memories," a voice from the audience was heard to exclaim, "Heavens, are they going to tax that too!"

G. I. THIS AND G. I. THAT!

Sitting on my G. I. bed,
My G. I. hat upon my head,
My G. I. pants, my G. I. shoes,
Everything free, nothing to lose.

They issue everything we need,
Paper to write on, books to read;
Your belt, your shoes, your G. I. tie,
Everything free, nothing to buy;
You eat your food from G. I. plates,
Fill your needs at G. I. rates.

It's G. I. this, and G. I. that,
G. I. haircut, G. I. hat;
G. I. razor, G. I. comb,
G. I. wish that I were home!

Brotherly Love—The story is told of the hard-bitten old Quaker who had died. At the funeral service, those who had gathered were standing silently, waiting, as was the custom, for anyone who might wish to do so to make some tribute to the departed. At last one old man spoke up and said, "Well, I can say one good thing about William. He wasn't always as mean as he was sometimes."—Ex.

Rejected and surplus bananas will be made into alcohol as soon as plants in the British West Indies are erected.

A friend remarked "I have made up my mind that there is a time for being with one's children and a time for letting them alone, and that the proper time for being with them is when they are in trouble and want you, and the proper time for letting them alone is when they are happy and wish to be let alone.

There may be shatter-proof ice-cream bars. This confection is coated with hydrogenated oils—peanut, cottonseed and soybean.

Through State health departments, drugs are distributed free to clinics and private physicians for the treatment of venereal diseases.

Get out of the habit of throwing away the dark, outer green lettuce leaves, for they're actually richer in vitamins and minerals than the inner bleached leaves. Shred into bowl salads, or if there are enough of them serve wilted with a hot bacon dressing. Only one or two leaves? Then cook with green peas—they make the peas brighter green.

Boys Lead Girls In Births in '42

Proportion Reaches Highest Level in 15 Years, Says Census Bureau.

WASHINGTON.—During this country's first full year of war, the proportion of boy babies to girls rose to the highest level in 15 years—but don't ask the census bureau why.

The census bureau wouldn't know why, and, moreover, it is not disposed to get enmeshed in any controversy on the subject.

The cold facts, however, are that in 1942, according to census bureau figures, 1,444,365 boys and 1,364,631 girls were born in the United States, a ratio of 10,584 to 10,000.

During the last war, the bureau pointed out, the ratio of boy babies to girls in several European countries increased temporarily, and "the idea then grew up that this was nature's method of compensating for the loss of male lives in warfare."

But whatever the European statistics may prove, if anything, "an increase in this ratio is not exclusively a wartime occurrence insofar as the United States is concerned," the bureau said.

Highest Ratio in 1925.
Since 1915, when the bureau first began compiling birth totals, the ratio of boys to girls has exceeded the 1942 figure in 3 different peacetime years. The highest ratio was in 1925 when there were 10,604 males born for every 10,000 females.

The 1942 ratio also was exceeded in 1921 with 10,538 to 10,000 and in 1927 with 10,585 to 10,000.

Oddly enough, the wartime ratios in 1917 and 1918 were exactly the same as 1942's—10,584 to 10,000.

Whatever it all means, the census bureau is sure of one thing: "The chances are slightly better than 50-50 that the stork will bring a male heir."

"But then," the bureau added, "these general odds always have prevailed. . . the ratio is ordinarily an astonishingly constant phenomenon."

Scientists Disagree.
The European figures in the first World War remain hard to down, however, and statisticians disagree violently as to whether the war had anything to do with them.

"Scientists pooch-pooched the idea," the census bureau said, "but the facts remained and no adequate explanation was given."

The bureau is not of a mind to find the explanation because "it would take years of time and thousands of dollars to discover what causes the apparent upswing in the proportion of male births during wars."

"And then," the bureau concluded, "the argument would only get hotter."

Sign in an Atlanta, Ga., restaurant: "Short of help. No waiters. No cashier. No nothing. Please pay when served."

Private housing interests have been urging that the Government get out of the housing business, but when Uncle Sam's National Housing Administration announced that six of its defense home projects in Washington would be put up for sale a real estate analyst who knows values in the Nation's Capital declared the buildings wouldn't be worth a nickel as an investment unless they could be bought for half of what they cost to build. Taxpayers who own homes built by private contractors are requested to draw their own conclusion.

Squandering the people's money, even in wartime, is no proof of patriotism.—Jesse Jones, secretary of Commerce.

Vitamin A helps prevent infection. Leafy green and yellow vegetables contain this vitamin. Remember that the thinner and greener the leaf, the richer the vegetable in Vitamin A.

Babson Says . . .

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want to be out of debt by 1950 or before, if possible.

Postwar Farming

As a hedge against inflation, it is well to own free of debt a small place with sufficient good land to feed your own family, provided you have some other job to supply you with cash. A small five or ten acre farm, with good soil and water conditions, should be excellent insurance. Commercial farming, however, will be just as dangerous in the years to come as it was in pre-war days.

Each year it will be more and more difficult for the average commercial farmer to compete with the great mechanized farms which are developing in this country and will develop throughout the world after this war is over. I also fear that even these large mechanized farms may also be headed for trouble due to political interference and regulation. Therefore, as a sound business, commercialized farming does not appeal to me as a postwar investment.

Take Your Wife's Advice

It is true that the price of good farm land is on the up-grade and much of it will sell at even higher prices, but it is as dangerous to speculate in land as to speculate in anything else. This especially applies to those owning commercial citrus groves, fruit orchards, potato acreage and market gardens which have been paying big profits during the war. After the war the prices of such land could drop again to former pre-war prices. Now may be the time to take your wife's advice and sell, leaving the money in the bank and buying the same property back again a few years hence at half the price.

By the way, it has always seemed to me very unfair that husbands can put their families in debt without the approval of the wife. It is true that a man cannot sell land without his

wife signing the deed, but he can buy a whole township without her having anything to say about it! The women's clubs should get legislation passed to the effect that no deeds to land can be "recorded" unless—in the case of married persons—the purchase is approved by both husband and wife in the case of both sales and purchases. I am gradually coming to the conclusion that women have a better sense regarding real estate, mortgages, etc., than have most men.

Where to Settle

One thing sure, if I were a woman, I would hunt up a man for a husband who lives in one of the ten Community Property States. These are as follows: Arizona, California, Idaho, Louisiana, Nevada, New Mexico, Texas, Washington, Oklahoma and Oregon. These States are fair to women. In these States a wife is entitled to half of her husband's income. If both are wise, they will make a settlement at the end of each year and have their own safe deposit boxes and bank accounts. Even the states under the old English common law are better for wives than are those states which still treat women unjustly.

Good land, good wives and good children are the best possible investments. But just having them "good" is not enough. When settling down for a home and family, be sure that you select the right State and the proper location within that State. Consider climate, taxes and opportunities. Service Men returning from the war should especially consider these things. Be willing to spend some time and money in locating in the right spot considering your own physical, mental and spiritual characteristics.

P. S. Please do not write me for legal advice. The last time I mentioned "community property," I received several hundred letters. I know something about the laws of Massachusetts, but cannot keep posted on the laws of the forty-seven states.

RATION BOOK REMINDER

Cut this out and keep it in your purse or billfold.

MEATS—FATS—

Red Stamps A-8 through T8 are good indefinitely. Waste kitchen fats exchanged for two points and four cents a pound.

Red Stamps U8-W8 valid indefinitely beginning June 4.

PROCESSED FRUITS—Vegetables

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SUGAR—

Stamp No. 30 in book No. 4 valid indefinitely for five pounds.

Stamp No. 31 will become valid April 1 indefinitely.

For canning only: Sugar Stamp 40 valid for 5 pounds through Feb. 28, 1945. Apply to local boards on Form R-323 for remainder (20 lbs. max. per person) affixing spare stamp 37 for each person.

STICES—Loose Stamps Invalid

Book 3—Airplane stamps No's. 1 and 2, indefinitely for one pair.

FUEL OIL—

August 31—Expiration date of period 4 and 5 coupons. Not more than 92 per cent of season's rations should have been used to date.

SOLID FUELS—

Dealers deliver by priorities based on needs.

GASOLINE COUPONS—Not valid Unless Endorsed—

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Refer price inquiries and complaints to price clerk at your local board.

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THE OLD JUDGE SAYS...



"Did you hear that Tom is going to be inducted into the Army next week, Judge?"

"Yes, Frank told me this morning down at the barber shop. Our town's got a lot of men in the service now, Jim. In fact, all towns have. I was just reading in the paper where there are more than 10,000,000 men away from their homes in the armed forces. And, from all reports, they're doing a grand job bringing victory closer every day."

"We folks at home have a mighty big obligation to those 10,000,000 fighting men. We've got to produce the food to keep them

well fed. We've got to keep them supplied with the ammunition and equipment they need to finish their job. We've got to help the Government pay for all these supplies our men need by buying more and more War Bonds. We'll have another big chance to do that by helping to put the 5th War Loan drive over the top, Jim."

"And, in addition, we must be sure that, while they're away and can't express their opinions, we don't go voting on and deciding any things that will displease them when they come back."

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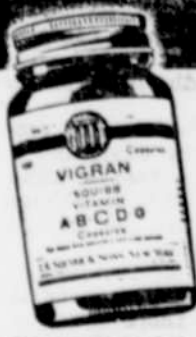
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