

The Washington MERRY-GO-ROUND

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FOOD AND PAY-AS-YOU-GO

Although food was supposed to be the chief topic of discussion at the recent White House conference with farm leaders, actually Foodzar Chester Davis did his best to sell the President on pay-as-you-go taxation. He proposed it as an anti-inflation measure to drain off surplus income and ease the work of income tax payment on the average citizen.

"We have simply got to come to it, Mr. President," argued the food chief. "It was unfortunate that pay-as-you-go taxes were given a black eye by the Ruml plan. But pay-as-you-go taxes should go hand in hand with rationing to prevent overspending."

The President didn't commit himself definitely, but indicated that he would favor a pay-go plan if windfalls to the wealthy, as provided for in the Ruml plan, were completely eliminated.

Ed O'Neal, president of the Farm Bureau federation, and Ezra T. Benson, executive secretary of the National Council of Farmer Co-operatives, also took up the cudgels, O'Neal contending that taxpayers wouldn't be able to meet next year's assessments unless the pay-as-you-go plan or forced saving were adopted.

G.O.P. Watching Chances. "I've made a poll of taxicab drivers and they are all for it," said O'Neal. "The great majority of the American people feel the same way. They are against windfalls but they feel they won't have enough money to pay their income tax payment next year. If the administration doesn't take some action on this, the Republicans will steal the ball from you."

"That's right, Mr. President," chimed in Benson. "The farmers in my organization are overwhelmingly for a pay-as-you-go tax program. I think labor is, too."

"Maybe you're right," responded the President. "Chester (to Davis), I suggest that you talk this over with congressional leaders."

The conversation then turned to farm distribution and the President drew on his own experience as a farmer to illustrate the difficulty "little farmers" are having getting their crops to market.

"I used to raise 100 barrels of apples every year on my Dutchess county farm in New York," the President said. "I also raise some apples on my land in Georgia."

Apple Competition. The President grinned to Albert Goss, master of the National Grange who hails from Washington, the biggest apple-producing state in the country: "I'd stack my apples up against those you produce in Washington any day."

"You're getting out of your class, Mr. President," smiled Goss. "Have you ever eaten a Delicious?"

"You win, Albert," chuckled the President, "but the point I am trying to make is this—little farmers like myself, and the same goes for all other farmers who don't have the advantage of co-operatives, have encountered a lot of difficulty marketing their crops and getting their money since the war began because of the transportation problem and other factors."

"Don't you think the government should step in and buy up apples and other products that have been running into distribution troubles and store them in the warehouses?" the President asked Goss. "It would take a lot of the market and help many little farmers who are hard up for cash."

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Embassador John G. Winant has provided an apartment in London for six American soldiers wounded in action with the British Eighth army in Egypt. Three are Harvard men, three from Dartmouth. The six graduated as the top six in a British officers training school before going to Egypt with the British 60th regiment. This is the famous regiment which in Revolutionary times was withdrawn from action in America because it was too friendly to the colonial cause.

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It's Interesting to Watch Departments Whizz By

Desirous of bucking up business, the proprietor of a large department store engaged an "efficiency expert," whose chief delight was changing the various departments around.

One day a section would be at the top of the building; the next it would be in the basement or where the restaurant used to be.

After three weeks of this an old lady approached a worried-looking shopwalker and asked if he could tell her where the hardware department was.

"No, madam," he replied wearily, "but if you'll stand here for a few minutes, I'm sure you'll see it go by."

ASK ME ANOTHER?

A quiz with answers offering information on various subjects

The Questions

1. A radio wave travels so fast that in one second it can circle the earth how many times?
2. If a sailor is punished for being AWOL, where is he put?
3. The rank of colonel in the army corresponds to what rank in the navy?
4. What city pioneered in introducing music into the public schools?
5. What literary work is credited to a member of the court of Croesus, king of Lydia?
6. How long is the period for which a patent is granted in the United States?
7. What is the average number of hen eggs to a pound?
8. Why is the sentence, "A quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog" used as a typewriting exercise?

The Answers

1. Seven times.
2. A sailor is sent to the brig; a soldier, to the guardhouse.
3. Captain.
4. Boston, in 1837.
5. Aesop's Fables.
6. Seventeen years.
7. Approximately ten.
8. It contains all the letters of the alphabet.
9. Second and first lieutenants, 36 years; captains, 42; majors, 47; lieutenant colonels, 52; colonels, 55; brigadier and major generals, no maximum age.
10. The army's new Pentagon building in Washington.

Household Hints

When the ironing board is folded up and stood away in the closet or corner of the kitchen until needed again, the end that rests on the floor becomes soiled. To prevent this, make a slip cover for the end.

Brooms and other sweeping brushes should be hung up when not in use. For hanging, use ordinary picture wire. It wears indefinitely and being stiff will catch on hooks more easily than string.

A clean, well-kept iron gives efficient service. With a damp cloth, wipe off any starch marks. If the iron sticks while pressing, rub it over salt sprinkled on a paper. Once a month rub the warm iron with beeswax or paraffin and then rub over a clean cloth or paper until the excess wax is entirely removed.

A small piece of tin or a thin piece of wood is useful when washing the baseboard of a room. It can be slipped along as the woodwork is scrubbed and save many a nasty smear on the wallpaper.

If a little piece is chipped off walnut furniture, touch up the spot with iodine applied with a piece of cotton, then go over the surface with furniture polish.

To keep tacks handy, drill a three-eighth inch hole, two or three inches deep, in the handle of your tack hammer. Fill this with tacks and plug the end with a cork.

Small bits of soap in a thin cloth bag are as effective as a large cake of soap for use in a bath.

Next time the steps need painting, try painting every other step; let these dry, then paint the others. It takes a bit longer, 'tis true, but it's a lot handier and the kiddies will love having to take 'em "two at a time."

Smile Awhile

Phone Conversation

Voice—Hello, how are you this morning?
Lady—I'm splendid, thank you.
Voice—Then I guess I have the wrong number.

Literate Fellow

"I must find another tailor. This one reads too much."
"Reads too much?"
"Yes. Every time he writes to me he begins, 'On going through my books!'"

Quarter Down

It happened at an income tax office in Washington. A colored resident, with his form all filled out and laid a quarter on the ledge.
"What's that for?" asked the clerk, who had read the total amount of the tax.
"Why, that's for my income tax. They done told me I could pay a quarter at a time."

Last Chance

"Well, we have exhausted reason, logic, common sense, and justice; what more can we do?"
"I guess we'll simply have to go to law."

Was He Surprised!

"Who was that pretty little thing I saw you with last night?"
"Will you promise not to tell my wife?"
"Surely, I promise."
"Well, it was my wife."

The boys in Australia sent us this one. A mother kangaroo had patiently scratched her stomach three times, but when the process was to be renewed a fourth time, she snatched two baby kangaroos from her pouch, spanked them, and said: "How many times have I told you not to eat crackers in bed!"

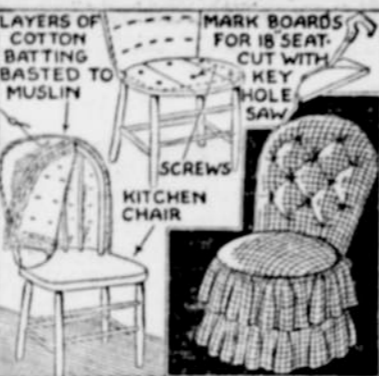
Her Touch

A person had occasion to reprove a small boy for swearing.
"If you feel you must say something just say 'Bother!'" he said. "Your father doesn't swear, does he?"
"Oh no, sir."
"Well, then; if he were working in the garden and suddenly stepped backwards on to a rake which flew up and hit him from behind, what would he say?"
"He'd say: 'You're back early, dear!'"

When the soldier talks about "the skipper" he means his captain, the head of his company. And that's just what the title "captain" means. It comes from the Latin word "caput" meaning "head." Another leader high in the Army man's favor is Camel cigarettes—they're first choice with men in the Army. (Based on actual sales records from service men's own stores.) When you're sending gifts from home, keep in mind that a carton of cigarettes is always most welcome. And though there are Post Office restrictions on packages to overseas Army men, you can still send Camels to soldiers in the U. S., and to men in the Navy, Marines, and Coast Guard wherever they are.—Adv.

ON THE HOME FRONT

With RUTH WYETH SPEARS



HERE is how you can play Fairy Godmother to a kitchen chair. Pad the back as shown here, using at least three layers of cotton batting for the front of it and one for the back. Next, cut an 18-inch circle of cardboard and use it for a pattern for marking the shape of the round seat on boards or

plywood. Cut out the wooden seat and screw it to the chair. Save the cardboard pattern.

Cover the front of the chair back next, tufting it with covered buttons sewn through the back with a long needle. Sew the back of the cover in place with stitches hidden under velveting. Tack a strip of muslin around the seat, and sew the ruffles to it. Now, pad the round cardboard; stretch covering fabric over it; then sew it in place on the chair.

NOTE: Readers are writing to tell us that the new BOOK 9 should be called the Victory Book as it contains so many ways to make pretty things for the home that could not otherwise be had for the duration. Copies are available by mail post-paid for 15 cents. Address:

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How the Joneses, Hansons And Smiths Were Named

Some family names grew out of first names. Thus, we have Johnson (son of John), Peterson (son of Peter), Hanson (son of Hans), and so on. The common name of Jones also came from a first name. Long ago in England, it was the custom to speak of a man by a single name—as John or Richard, or whatnot. Sometimes the members of his family were called "the John" or "the Johnses"—or "the Richards" in the case of a family with Richard as the father. The names "Johnses" seems to have been changed to "Jones," to make it short.

A great number of names sprang from occupations. The name of Smith became common in early days because there were so many smiths at work. Not only were there blacksmiths, but also goldsmiths, silversmiths, arrowsmiths and locksmiths.

The Real Problem
Hubby—Have you ever wondered what you would do if you had Rockefeller's income?
Wife—No, but I have often wondered what Rockefeller would do if he had mine.

An antique is something no one would be seen with if there were more of them, but which everyone wants when no one has any.

No Moss on It
"What's that stone in Ann's engagement ring, Joyce?"
"A rolling stone, my dear. I had it once."

Selsh Thought
"What are you thinking of?"
"Oh, nothing much!"
"Don't be so self-conscious."

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It is generally believed that at speeds below 35 mph, tire blow-outs, whether front or rear, are not particularly dangerous for alert drivers, other things being equal. Another good reason for keeping to the rubber-saving 35 mph limit!
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