

Price Support Secret Revealed for 20 Cents

Washington, May 20—(U.P.) For 20 cents the government will tell you how its farm price support programs work.

The agriculture department has just published a 85-page pamphlet explaining every one of its complicated price programs.

"We hope the pamphlet will dispel some of the confusion and misunderstandings about our programs," officials said.

Tokyo, May 20—(U.P.)—Masataka Okumiyu, a former Japanese navy lieutenant who helped bomb the United States gunboat Panay in 1937, said today that the ship was bombed in the belief that it was Chinese.

Your Health and Its Care

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THE OLDEST READER SEEMS A BIT DOTTY

It must be a decade ago or more that some trick healer launched the canard about the non-existence of Dr. Wm. Brady.

Some of the customers believed the yarn. After all, the company or firm that distributes my column to newspapers, as a wholesale merchant distributes shoes or soap to retail dealers, is technically known as a "syndicate" in the newspaper world.

Alive or dead, real or fictional, I have been carrying on like this for more years than some readers have lived. Last year it occurred to me that there might be some one somewhere who remembers when this column first appeared in the newspaper.

Some readers went all out to win the prize—declaring they have been reading this column since from two to ten years before its initial appearance in print.

I was disappointed with the response to the invitation—most readers who responded merely said they had been reading my column a long time, but a few of them presented any specific evidence to indicate how long.

When the contest began to drag out endlessly—reports coming in at intervals over a period of months—I lost interest, filed everything, and snuck off on a voyage to South America, Tirsan da Cunha, Capetown, Durban, Zanzibar, Aden, Suez, Cairo, etc., hoping that the entries would be all in by the time I got back home.

Well, they're all in. So am I. When I catch up again we'll go over the file and select several names, readers who have apparently followed the column for quite a while, and send them the works.

But the Oldest Readers actually turned up only this last week, neither of them as contestants, but just casually. One of them didn't write to me at all. He wrote to an old friend who had mentioned in a letter meeting me on the bowling green. "I came here" (small mid-west town) "about thirty years ago and started reading his daily column not long after that time. I have found his writings highly entertaining and beneficial to me in a number of

ways, and to members of my family. We have never gone in for patent medicines... give Dr. Brady credit for this... good grammar, good English... My bowling green grody handed me the letter with the remark that it was evidently my grandfather his friend referred to. Grandpa probably never even heard of a syndicate!

The other letter was not written to me—incidentally, why don't people tell me these things?—but to a relative of mine in regard to a school. The correspondent wrote:

"I have taken great interest in your 'man's' (my translation of the term) correspondent used 'daily column for the past 25 years and my mother did the same before me up until her passing three years ago at the age of 80 years... Up to a point this seems fairly credible but even I can't guarantee the accuracy of the gentleman's report if he intends to imply that his mother followed my column for 25 years before he took over.

This correspondent added a postscript: P.S. Your father presented us with a set of Little Lessons in the Ways of Health a few years ago which we prize most highly. (This probably refers to the school with which the correspondent is connected).

A few years ago I thought it might contribute to health education if I gave teachers and schools the works without charge but I soon found it was a futile idea—practically nobody ever reported making any particular use of the booklets after I had sent a complimentary set. Take this correspondent, for example. "We prize highly" does not indicate that the Little Lessons have been used as lessons or otherwise in the school.

Librarians, teachers, physicians, dentists—formerly they were on the free list. But not any more. Once they get the goods without cost, that's the last one hears of them. Now they're just people, so far as I'm concerned.

Book Treasures Given To Duke University

Durham, N. C.—(U.P.)—One of the most valuable literary prizes to come out of Europe since the war is now in Duke University's library.

The famous Mazzoni library of Florence, Italy, has arrived and Duke scholars are fascinated.

Containing nearly 100,000 volumes, the Mazzoni collection covers all Italian literature from early days to the present, with its greatest strength in the Renaissance and 18th century periods. The books once were the personal collection of Sen. and Prof. Guido Mazzoni of the University of Florence.

Leave No Money Professor Mazzoni spent his life and substance—"spent all the lesser pearls" for this "pearl of great price." He told his children he left them no money, "but I do have books and them I shall leave to you."

It turned out that they were more valuable in post-war Italy than anything else he could have left. Duke's acquisition of the library was a lucky happening. Dr. Allen Gilbert, professor of English at Duke, was on sabbatical leave in Florence during the spring and summer of 1948. He saw the library, notified the Duke authorities, and started the deal moving.

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