

Eye Care Program Paying Off With Increases in Production

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New York — More and more business firms are finding out that eye testing and eye care pay off in dollars and cents.

Recent reports on results of well planned, well executed eye care programs showed production increases of 15 to 20 per cent; sharp reduction in spoilage and breakage;

lessening of labor turnover; a decline in absenteeism. While it is impossible to estimate the total expenditure by U. S. firms for advance-

ment of workers' visual efficiency, a large number of companies have attested to their own experience, indicating savings consistently

outweigh cost. Univis, Inc., a leading lens maker, cited a few examples:—In one plant rejects were running 20 per cent before correction, but a sound eye care program reduced the rate to 10 per cent.

—Despite increased production in one plant scrap losses in the first eight months following the start of its vision program were cut 20,000 pounds below the same period the year before.

—A Chicago firm began a pilot eye care program some years ago in a single department of more than 300 people. Eyeglasses were obtained wherever necessary. In terms of increased productivity by individual workers, savings were calculated at \$487 to \$1,384 per man per year, depending on the job assignment.

Univis president Robert O. Barber noted that one of the most interesting results of widespread industrial vision testing is the discovery that in many jobs the most crucial scene range is neither "near nor far," but what is called "intermediate" arms length.

And with machinery becoming more complex and automation reducing the number of operators needed per machine, visual demands on each operator are increasing, Barber declared.

But he added that it is not only in the plant that multiple vision is required — office make many similar demands. A typical desk worker needs sharp, near vision to examine great quantities of reading material, much of it in fine print.

Court Records

DISTRICT COURT
George C. Smith, overload, 22.
Edwin C. Thomas, No motor vehicle license, \$5.
Charles F. Smith, no operator's license, \$5.
Cus C. Carlson, no motor vehicle license, \$5.
Paul V. McQuire, failure to dim lights, \$15.
Stanley R. Bugg, obstructed vision, \$5.
Frank C. Clarke Jr., violation of basic rule, \$15.
Walter H. Hall, parking in prohibited area, \$7.50.
Reba M. Gray, passing with insufficient clearance, \$10.
William C. Weeks, violation of

basic rule, \$15.
Manuel B. Soare, failure to obey operating restrictions.
Donald W. Cox, overwidth load, \$15.
Fred M. Brown, overwidth load, \$15.
Clair F. Varney, violation of basic rule, \$25.
CIRCUIT COURT
Eva Louise Mentzer vs. Donald O. Mentzer, divorce complaint.
MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATION
Camden C. Weller, route 3, box 67, Medford, and Linda Louise Nelson, route 3, box 67, Medford.

Americans Spend \$25 Billion Each Year on Health

Washington — A two-year Senate study just completed shows U. S. citizens spend \$25 billion a year on their health.

Of this sum, only \$2.50 of every \$100 was spent for research to detect diseases and other health hazards before they strike.

The study, prepared by a government operations subcommittee under Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey (D-Minn.) gives the first "big picture" of government and private activity in the health field.

Many Agencies Involved
It shows, for example, that nine cabinet departments and 15 agencies and commissions are involved in some phase of health. These range from the \$5.3 billion needed for medical care of federal prisoners to several thousand dollars being spent by the Fish and Wildlife Bureau to study cancer in fish.

The federal government last year spent \$4.1 billion, \$1 of every \$20 in the budget, for a great variety of health needs.

Sick Leave Costly
The total included \$1.1 billion to care for sick soldiers, sailors, airmen and their dependents, mostly in hospitals. Short-term sick leave for federal employees cost the taxpayers \$315 million according to the study. Federal workers average 7.7 days of paid leave for short-term illnesses.

This meant that about 75,000 of the government's civilian workers reported sick on an average working day.

Disability Expensive
The report also showed that disease and disability probably costs Americans \$35 billion a year. All through the report runs the theme that expenditures for health are for more than anyone expected.

The report said Congress had lost control over government health outlays because of "serious flaws" in accounting and reporting by government agencies.

Three Weeks Given For McCann To Live

Clark Air Base, Philippines — The family of American businessman Robert E. McCann, 60, freed from Communist China last week because he has cancer, said today he has no more than three weeks to live.

The family announced that McCann's two married daughters are flying from California to join their mother and brother in a bedside vigil at this American Air Force base.

A family statement said that Clark field doctors "have reported to us that Mr. McCann cannot last more than a little time longer, at most three weeks."

The American was released last Thursday from Communist China after serving 10 years of a 15-year sentence on charges of spying for the United States.

FOR BETTER ENGLISH
Washington — President Kennedy has asked Congress to provide funds for research projects to improve the teaching of English through the college sophomore level. The request, announced Sunday night was part of a spending blueprint for \$1.9 million the President earlier asked Congress to add to the budget of the U. S. Office of Education for the 12 months starting July 1.

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Grange News

Shady Cove Grange
The regular meeting of the Shady Cove Grange was held in the school gym with Master Cecil Kee presiding.

Ira Frank Conner became a member of the Grange.

HEC chairman, Mrs. A. B. Clark, reported that the HEC members had a workshop at her home on Butte Creek at which time they tied and finished four pieced quilts.

The next regular HEC meeting will be April 11 at the Louis Dusenberry home in Trail.

Agriculture chairman, Mrs. Ed Houston, read an article on gladioli.

Ed Houston told of work on the county roads.

Committees were appointed for the April 15 meeting for the box social supper. Women are asked to take a decorated box with food for two.

Lecturer Edgar Vanderlip had three couples make Easter bonnets of paper and later displayed them.

The sewing committee included Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sattler and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Houston.

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