

GRASSROOTS

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FIVE-CENT TAX ON COAL INTRODUCES NEW PRINCIPLE

WHEN SECRETARY of the Interior Krug signed, for the government, a new contract with the Miners' union, he started a new form of tax levy on the American people. That agreement to pay the Miners' union 5 cents on each ton of coal mined, both hard and soft, will be paid, in the end, by the American people, not by the coal operators. It is a new tax. Just as much a tax as is the amount paid to the government on each package of cigarettes purchased. It is but the opening wedge for a similar tax on production and services of all kinds. It puts organized labor on the same basis as a tax levied and collector as is federal, state, county or municipal governments. It is an additional price on coal, just as the internal revenue tax on cigarettes adds to the price of cigarettes and it will prove but the forerunner of similar taxes on food, clothing, housing and everything we purchase.

John Lewis had demanded for his miner's union a tax of 10 cents on each ton of coal mined, or a tax of 7 per cent on the coal operators pay rolls. The operators had refused to consider a tax of any amount on either the coal mined, or on pay rolls. They rightfully insisted such a tax would be detrimental to public interest, and not within the province of the miners to demand or the operators to give. When the mines were seized by the government Secretary Krug compromised at 5 cents a ton. In doing so he sacrificed a principle, and the interests of the American people.

It marks another chapter in government interference in the relations between labor and management. It is a chapter of far-reaching consequences. In that decision political rather than public interest was given first consideration.

It is the principle of the thing that counts, not the 35 to 40 million dollars the miners will collect each year from this new tax on the people. It is but the foot in the door to bring an application of the same kind of a tax on all production. We, the consumers, will soon be paying a multiplicity of this same kind of taxes. Government has created a devouring dragon that will consume us if it is allowed to live.

Under the Constitution it is the duty of congress only to levy federal taxes. This new levy, instigated through Secretary Krug's agreement with John Lewis, is, to all intents, a violation of the Constitution. The way to reach it through the courts is long and devious. Congress should, when it reconvenes, make short work of any such tax by passing legislation that would prohibit all such efforts at establishing new and multitudinous tax levying and tax collecting bodies.

AMERICAN PEOPLE PAYING SEAMEN'S WAGE BOOSTS

A LARGE PROPORTION of the merchant vessels sailing under the American flag are owned by the government, and leased to private operators. All vessels privately owned or leased must comply with the provisions of the seaman's compensation act, enacted by congress some years ago. It provides for minimum wages and working conditions that are far in advance of those prevailing on ships of other nations. To comply with that law American ships could not compete in shipping charges with the ships of other nations. To meet the difference the government pays the ship operators and owners what the public terms a subsidy, but what the operators and owners call an equalization payment. Such payments cover the difference between the wages paid on an American ship and the ships of any foreign nation with which the American ship is in competition. The new agreement with the Seaman's union, perfected by government conciliators, fixes American seamen's wages still further ahead of those paid on foreign ships. It would seem that it is the American taxpayers' money that bought peace to American shipping. It is not hard to be generous when spending the other fellow's dollars.

THE GOVERNMENT, in one way or another, has provided help for all who wish to build a home except the farmer. That hard working individual and his family can sleep in the barn or the cow pasture.

MOST OF THE STRIKES were not settled by collective bargaining between labor and management. The government stepped into the picture, and largely decided what both sides were to accept. As labor has the greater number of votes, labor got the best of the argument. In the end the public will do the paying.

WHEN PUBLIC OPINION making influence is needed in a worthy cause the best person to see is the editor of the home town newspaper.

Woman's World Plenty of Room for Action Is Essential in Clothes for Boys

By Etta Haley

"I'D RATHER have little girls than little boys," one hears a mother say, "because it's so hard to keep the boys in clothes."

Well, I suppose boys are just a bit harder on clothes than dainty little girls are, but if you do your own sewing and use sturdy materials and good seams and also allow plenty of room for the active play in which the boys engage, there won't be anything too difficult about keeping them in garments.

You'll find that Dad's old clothing can be utilized to make sturdy, economical clothing for Junior. Pants can easily be cut down or ripped apart and sewed into little pants for the youngster. Shirts, too, are easy to make from larger ones and you'll find that the material stands up beautifully for all the baseball, roller skating or other sports in which the boy may participate.

Don't plan to make long-sleeved shirts for boys' everyday wear. They are much too active, they get into too much dirt for you to be bothered scrubbing cuffs clean on every shirt you wash. Short sleeves are not only easier to care for, but they also allow more freedom of movement for boys at play.

Study seam construction carefully before you start sewing and bear in mind that everyday clothes will have to stand up under innumerable washings. Big patch pockets are useful because they are nice for carrying all sorts of incongruous objects, even if you don't always like the job of cleaning them out. Bound buttonholes and bound slits are also very useful because they will stand wear better than any other type of construction.

Make Flat Felled Seams For Utility Clothing

To make seams properly for utility garments, be sure that you leave sufficient allowance of fabric for a nice-sized seam. If you find that the material ravel's easily, for example, allow about 1/4 to 1/2 of an inch more for the seam.

If you are not an experienced seamstress, the best rule to follow before putting seams together

et pieces and press the seam allowance over the edges of the cardboard. This will assure all the pockets being the same size.

In heavier fabrics, cover the raw edge with flat seam binding after you have turned the edge, then hem it. Pin the pocket on the garment and check accuracy of placement.

If you stitch the pocket close to the edge, the top is finished with one or more rows of machine stitching. If you stitch away from the edge a bit, the seam seamline is followed across the top of the pocket.

In finishing the shirt you'll want to make the shoulder seams, then the yoke, then the sleeves. Incidentally, in stitching up the sides of the shirt, the sleeve seams can be stitched at the same time, making just the one seam.

The collar may be stitched in place at any time after the shoulder seams are finished, but most of the time the collar is attached when the facing (down the front) is turned.

When you are making shorts for the boys, pin the pieces together as you cut them. Often, women get confused after cutting out the shorts because almost all the pieces look so similar it is difficult to assemble them. Always use the flat-felled seams for shorts.

If you are altering a pair of Dad's trousers for the boy, you can cut them down yourself, if you feel competent enough to do so, or if you wish, buy a pattern and cut from that.



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If you have wornout men's clothes...

is to baste everything before stitching on the machine. You may also use a pinned seam, allowing the foot of the machine to push the material. This method is good for heavy fabric.

To make a pinned seam, place the pins close together and set in from the edge so they can be removed as you stitch.

The flat-felled seam is very popular in men's and boys' clothing because the seam is flat, easy to press and looks well tailored. To make it, first stitch the raw edges of the outside of the garment as for a regular seam. Trim off one edge of the seam to within 1/4 inch of the seam line. Turn under the raw edge of the other side 1/4 inch and pull it flat over the short side. Hem by hand or machine so the seam lies flat.

Patch Pockets Are Made With Cardboard Pattern

Patch pockets should be made, just as correctly as possible to look well on tailored garments, such as shirts and pants. Cut the pattern from a piece of cardboard, but do not leave an allowance for seams on the pattern itself. Place the cardboard pattern over each of the pocket



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Summer Fashion Notes

Rhinestones and sequins are still expected to hold down the main bulk of trimming, although it's probable we'll see some other new decorative notes like braid borderie anglaise.

There will be brims and well-molded millinery for the after twenty and older crowd, while off-the-face hats are favored for the teen-aged group because they're so very flattering.

Dainty Shantung



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Closest Arrangement

Make the most of your closets by arranging them efficiently rather than hit or miss, which gives you little space.

Hooks should be placed about seven inches apart, and their placement behind the rod is not to be encouraged because they are difficult to reach.

If your closet has room for shelves and drawers, these will give you additional space for storage of many small articles like underwear, belts, socks, etc.

Store shoes on vertical or horizontal racks or rods, or, if you have room for a tilted shelf above the clothes, this will also give a very neat appearance.

Avoid wire hangers unless they are well padded, since they tend to make sleeves poke out in the wrong direction. If women have a closet to themselves, they will like the dainty padded hangers that come in lovely pastel shades. If you like an especially lovely closet accessory, choose these padded hangers in your favorite scent and they will keep your closets delightfully perfumed and also prevent that musty odor on your clothing.

Looking Ahead

WHEN DID YOU FIRST PLANT THIS WHEAT? ABOUT TEN YEARS AGO.

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Drying Agents Little Use to Uncured Hay

Preparations containing sodium bicarbonate, drying agents or mixtures of the two, offer little promise as a practical solution of problems involved in the storage of undecured hay, recent studies at Massachusetts state college reveal. The tests showed that prohibitive quantities would be necessary for effectiveness on stored moist hay. Other drying chemicals also have proven prohibitively high.

Farm Topics

Idle Acreage No Longer Recommended

Cultivation Needed For Tired Acres

The "rest cure" treatment for worn-out farm land is rapidly becoming a thing of the past, as farmers are learning that "acres on vacation" are likely to deteriorate rather than increase in fertility level, according to J. C. Hackleman, professor of crops extension at the University of Illinois college of agriculture.

"Farmers formerly thought that if they put their 'tired acres' into pasture, the land could be rested two or three years and would come back as productive and vigorous as ever," Professor Hackleman pointed out.

"The fact is that every ton of beef, pork or mutton or milk produced on these pastures removes nitrogen, phosphorus, potash and calcium or lime just as surely as does a crop of corn, oats, wheat or hay.

"In addition, as the permanent pastures become less productive they provide less cover and the result is more loss through erosion.

But these weary pastures are not hopeless cases, Professor Hackleman declares. The response of

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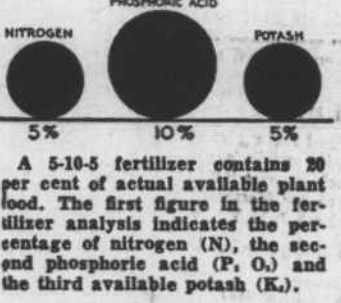
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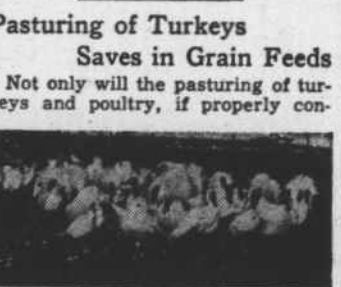


A 5-10-5 fertilizer contains 20 per cent of actual available plant food. The first figure in the fertilizer analysis indicates the percentage of nitrogen (N), the second phosphoric acid (P. O.) and the third available potash (K.).

Pasturing of Turkeys Saves in Grain Feeds

Not only will the pasturing of turkeys and poultry, if properly conducted, result in soil conservation, but considerable saving in grain will result.

Orchard grass and ladino clover has been proven an effective pasture for range turkeys and chickens. Tests at regional laboratory, Pennsylvania, have shown that the number of birds to be pastured can be doubled by proper stand and management.



A good stand of pasture will save turkey feed.

Pineapple Doily for Crocheters Chair Set to Brighten Kitchen



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Country Cousin—Is your school haunted?
Jasper—Of course not.
C. C.—Then why are you always talking about its spirit?

Attorney, addressing jury: "The prisoner is accused of stealing 28 geese—twice as many as there are of you in the jury box."

Some Inducement
Proud Father—The chap who marries my daughter gets a prize.
Friend—Golly, is that necessary?

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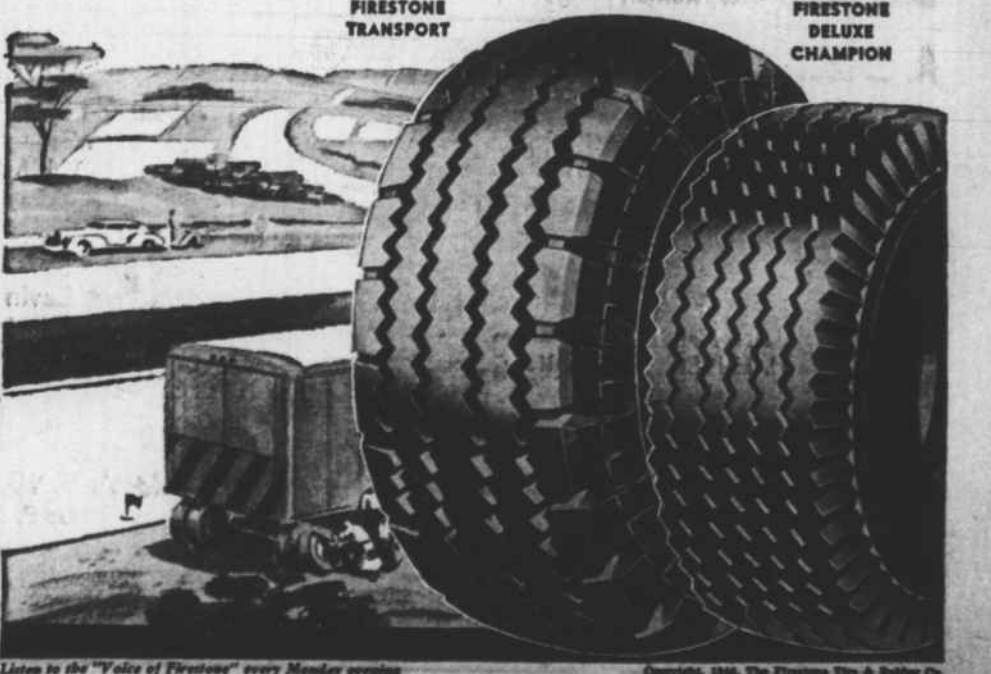
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