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ing. None is more eager to prevent it. None is exerting itself more strongly to protect the public. American retailing is mobilized to fight for the common interests of all.

Borrowed Comment

"GAS" FOR ICKES

(Washington (D. C.) Times-Herald)
 Harold L. Ickes, the administration's petroleum director, is one motorist on the Eastern Seaboard who doesn't have to worry about a gasoline shortage.

Hidden away on his Maryland estate, about 20 miles from Washington, he has his own little gasoline nation, complete with underground tank and regular filling station pump.

Ickes has plenty of gasoline at his disposal at his private filling station. The underground tank reportedly has a capacity of 500 gallons and he needs all of it for the three heavy passenger cars he is known to drive, a station wagon and two tractors, which are used to work the land on the \$85,000 estate.

The passenger cars get about eight miles to the gallon and at least one of them, according to neighbors, travel the 40 miles to town and back three or four times a day.

LABOR AND DEMOCRACY

(Mecklenburg Times)

The president of one of the principal labor unions recently said this: "To make secure the gains that have been made in the past, our union, as well as all labor, must hold fast to the principles of democracy."

No one can quarrel with that statement. It is an unanswerable truth. But the unpleasant fact is that certain labor leaders have been about the worst and most persistent enemies of democratic principles this country has known.

It is these leaders who want to make it impossible for any man to hold a job and earn a living unless he pays dues to a union. It is these leaders who often establish exorbitant initiation fees to their unions—fees that are far beyond the ability of the majority of workers to meet. It is these leaders who have closed unions to new men, and said, in effect, that non-members cannot be employed, and can starve so far as they are concerned.

You can't have a labor monopoly, or any other kind of a monopoly, and also have democracy. Many labor leaders are sincere and far-sighted men. But that proportion of labor leaders which is making a racket out of unionism casts a growing stigma on the entire trade union movement, because they are destroying democracy.

DON'T FORGET

Don't forget that life is sacred,
 Far above the gleam of gold
 Or the things that fold can purchase
 Where life's fleeing things are sold.

Don't forget that hearts are tender,
 And the flesh shrinks back from pain,
 And the human race is burdened
 Sore already with the strain.

Don't forget that Right, insistent,
 Will demand obedience
 To the last. None can escape it
 Or avoid the consequence.

Don't forget the ancient lesson,
 Taught so long in life's great school,
 That the law that guides the ages
 Ever is the Golden Rule.

Don't forget that truth is changeless,
 And no substitute is known;
 And that self is always loser;
 And that God is on his throne.
 —Clarence Edwin Flynn in Upward

Father Time must be the only one who has any priority on all this daylight we've been saving.—Greensboro Daily News.

What we all want is wartime wages with which to buy things at panic prices.—American Lumberman.

Automobile tires wear out 69 per cent faster at 70 miles an hour than at 50, we read. And when a tire suddenly wears out 100 per cent at 70, the passengers generally deteriorate rapidly, too.—Boston Globe.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. But, also there is a Hitler. So we're really nothing ahead.—Charlotte News.

A fair refugee—a survivor of four invasions—says she wouldn't take a million dollars, for the experience. The offer therefore, is withdrawn.—Detroit News.

Strange: Some of the straw votes, taken around the country run as high as 73 per cent for staying out of the war we are in.—Detroit News.

Abnormal Absurdities

By DWIGET NICHOLS, et al.

FLOWERS FOR LIVING

By mistake one Wilkes man received a generous floral tribute before he died. In fact, he is not dead yet.

This newspaper and the dailies in the state carried reports of George Johnson being killed by Ambrose Shepherd earlier this year.

It so happens that there is a George Johnson who lives about nine miles east of this city and who was not the man who was killed and was not related to him.

On the day that the reports said George Johnson's funeral would be held, four cars from Siloam drove up to the home of George Johnson, nine miles east of here.

The occupants of the cars, which included cousins, aunts and uncles, were quiet and decidedly respectful, thinking they were in the presence of a dead relative.

They had flowers—pretty flowers and plenty of them. They were going to show just how much they thought of the deceased kinsman.

On to the porch they walked, squarely in front of George Johnson as he emerged from the house very much alive.

George relates that it took considerable argument to convince his relatives that he had not passed into the great beyond, and he (jokingly, we presume) said that they seemed a bit annoyed and disappointed at having no funeral to attend, especially after they had gone to the expense of getting very pretty flowers, putting on their Sunday best and traveling a considerable distance, only to learn that their relative was not having any funeral.

HOW TO KEEP GUESTS AWAY
 Martha Ambler, in Your Life Magazine.

1. Introduce your dog as a privileged member of the family and look shocked when some

guest ignores him.

2. Wear your best gown after telling your guests to come in any old thing.

3. Laugh when the guest of honor sits down at the piano.

4. Seat two people who have been feuding for years side by side at dinner "just to see the fireworks."

5. Insist on everyone joining in a lovely new game called "Who Swallowed the Turnip?"

6. Have the children in to recite pieces and sing ditties.

7. Coax your guests into eating and drinking more than they desire and more than they should and look hurt when they refuse.

8. Choose this time to start a violent argument with husband and wife.

9. Follow your guests around straightening rugs, mopping up ashes, picking up crumbs, and smoothing doilies.

10. Go off in a corner with one guest for a whispering fest.

Tobacco Stalks Should Be Cut

By J. E. SNIPES, County Agent

All tobacco stalks should be cut and turned immediately after the last leaves are pulled. Thousands of insects feed on the stalks and go into the larva stage to live over the winter. If the stalks were cut, those insects which eat only tobacco would starve; and thus next year's insects would be reduced to a minimum. Turning under stalks add humus to the soil for next year's crop, as well as preparing the soil for a cover crop this winter to protect the soil from erosion. Each day that is spent now in destroying tobacco stalks and suckers will well repay the effort that it takes.

Use the advertising columns of this paper as your shopping guide.

LEARN A LAMB
 Father (impress with excitement): "Well, boy, what happened when you asked the boss for a raise?"
 Son: "Wax, he was like a lamb."
 Father: "What did he say?"
 Son: "Baa!"

Relief At Last For Your Cough

Creomulsion relieves promptly because it goes right to the seat of the trouble to help loosen and expel mucus laden phlegm, and aid nature to soothe and heal raw, tender, inflamed bronchial mucous membranes. Tell your druggist to sell you a bottle of Creomulsion with the understanding you must like the way it quickly allays the cough or you are to have your money back.

CREOMULSION for Coughs, Chest Colds, Bronchitis

Fire Prevention Week

This is Fire Prevention Week, a period set aside for special efforts to educate the populace to the danger of fires and their destructiveness.

We understand that efforts will be made locally to impress upon every resident the importance of preventing fires—especially in homes and places of business.

What we need is to exercise proper precautions during all the 52 weeks in a year, but it will not hurt us to put forth special efforts this week.

What most of us fail to realize is that it is the cumulative total of relatively small fires which is responsible for the bulk of this country's shameful fire waste. Fire prevention, to be successful, must literally begin at home. Defective furnaces, defective wiring, accumulations of paper and rubbish, improper stored flammable liquids, such as paint and cleaning solvents, matches, cigarettes—such little things as these are the cause of hundreds of millions of dollars of fire loss. A little knowledge, a little effort and a little money will make your home safe.

From the community point of view, one essential protection against fire is a modern building code. These codes should be up to the highest standard, and should make such hazards as the existence of fire traps impossible. Equally important, they are of small use unless they are rigidly enforced—and enforced without fear or favor. A code which is a dead letter because of lack of enforcement, is as bad as no code at all.

During Fire Prevention Week, every citizen should take advantage of the opportunity that will be offered to learn the cause of fires—and how they may be prevented. Then, apply what you have learned. Do it at home, and do it at work. It will save you money—and it may save life. And it may save valuable materials and resources which are so sorely needed now for defense. Let's make 1941 the year in which this country solves the problem of preventable fire.

Retailing Is Mobilized

The retailers of America—big and little, chain and independent, operating in every retail field—have laid down a 14-point program for better serving the public and the government in these critical days.

The high points of that program are simple—and they are of direct importance to every family. The retailers of this country pledge themselves to act as "purchasing agents for the public." They pledge themselves to prevent, so far as possible, all unwarranted increases in prices, and to eliminate any and all unfair trade practices which may injure the consumer. They further pledge themselves to maintain retail employment at the highest possible level, and to give every aid and encouragement to employes who wish to serve their country.

In addition, they will support manufacturers in their efforts to use more informative labels, and they promise the elimination of "scare" advertising—particularly that which says or implies, "Buy now because prices are rising." They will aid in the development and distribution of substitutes for materials which are needed for defense. And, lastly, they are carrying on an aggressive, non-profit campaign to sell and promote interest in Treasury Defense Bonds and Stamps.

This program, which is today being given the support of tens of thousands of stores of all sizes and kinds, is the best available answer to those who shortsightedly blame retail merchandising for price increases. No industry is more awakened to the danger of inflation than merchandising.

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• SELLING THE FAMOUS •


ASHLEY AUTOMATIC Wood Burners

Also Enterprise Wood Burners
 COLEMAN AND ALLEN OIL BURNERS
 Wood and Coal Stoves and Circulators

There are so many needs among stove and heater buyers that it is sometimes difficult to find just the TYPE OF STOVE OR HEATER YOU WISH, but we are in position to say that we have a line ranging from the smallest size laundry heater to the full-size circulator for heating entire small homes, so no matter what your requirement may be, it will save you time—and money, too—to come here for it. In all styles, in wood or coal burners, and in a size to heat what you want heated. Use your savings here to buy fuel for the heaters. Cold weather ahead! Better get "set" for it . . . TODAY! We also offer good trades on old stoves.

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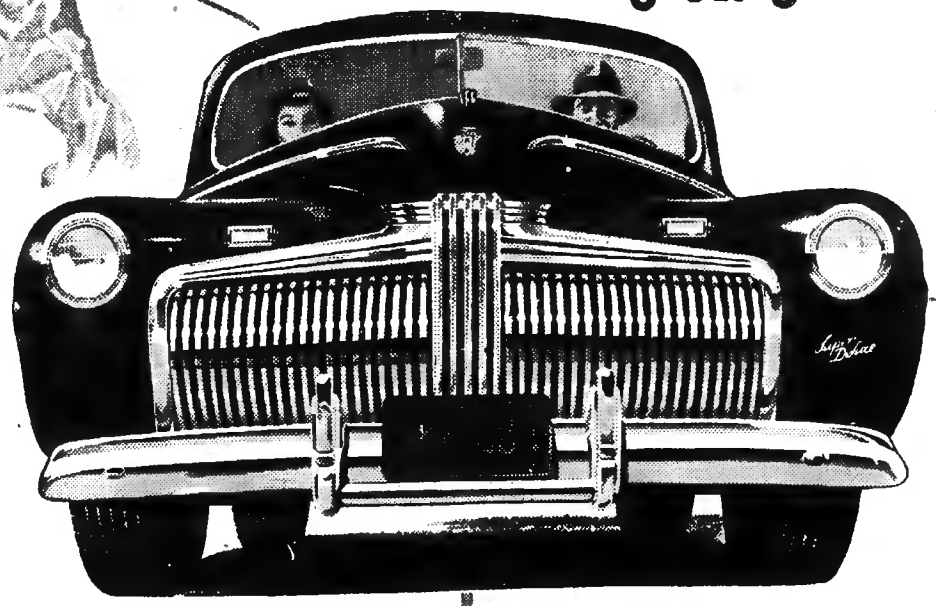
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On the road this year you find the "new Ford ride" still further advanced in its softness, quietness, steadiness and all-round comfort.

At the wheel, you will find driving easier than ever. Steering, gear-shifting, action of the big and sure hydraulic brakes have all been made smoother and easier.

In quality, the car is sound to the last detail. Defense requirements have all been met without a single reduction in the basic and lasting goodness of the Ford mechanically. Some new materials have replaced old ones, usually at a greater cost to us, but in every case the new is equal to or better than the old.

If your family needs a new car, go see and drive this Ford. For what it is today and for what it will be through the years ahead, we believe that you will find in it more and better transportation for your money than you have ever found before.

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