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Drastic Price Rise May Be Leveling Off

The Korean war has given excuse for drastic price rises in many lines that threaten to weaken the nation through impoverishing of low and medium income groups.

To add to the confusion, many commodities known to be plentiful have become suddenly scarce. This means that great amounts have been withdrawn from the market, possibly to await still higher prices.

Government authorities say that in practically all instances the price increases have been without cause. If that be the case it means that profiteering is well on the way and that prices have been forced up without provocation.

In practically all instances retailers have no choice but to raise prices. The prices have been boosted before the goods reach the retail stores. It is impossible for retailers to absorb the price increase and the public should not blame retailers for doing what they are compelled to do to remain in business. They must pass on the price increases set by manufacturers, jobbers, distributors and supply agents.

The price rises invite controls, which are obnoxious. There will be a great clamor against any move for controls, which could be avoided if those who control the markets would show less greed.

In normal times price increases are caused by increases in cost of labor and materials used in manufacture. But the price increases during the past few weeks have been on materials already manufactured and processed, and the increases are not reflected in cost of production.

Safety Efforts Must Have Public Support

Unless the North Carolina public lends greater support to highway safety efforts the death toll will continue to mount.

L. C. Rosser, commissioner of the North Carolina Motor Vehicle Bureau, gives the following message to the people of the state in regard to their attitude toward efforts to reduce accident toll on the highways:

"When President Lincoln spoke those famous words, 'Of the people, by the people and for the people,' he doubtless did not realize how many other activities, besides government, to which the words could be applied in the future.

"The words apply particularly in the case of highway safety activities. No program to promote highway safety, no matter how well-conceived, how far-reaching or how well publicized, can prove effective unless it has the support of the people.

"An instance in point is North Carolina's experience over the recent July 4 holiday. Despite the most intensive highway safety program ever undertaken by the Department during a holiday period, 23 persons were not reached. When the score was totaled, 23 persons were dead. Twenty of those were killed in the first two and one-half days of the holiday. Then, while Department officials held their breath for fear of what would happen when those thousands of holiday motorists and their families started their homeward trek, the fatality trend took a turn for the better. Only three persons died during the last half of the holiday, one of whom had been injured in an earlier accident. None were killed on July 4 itself.

"What happened between the time vacationists got to their destinations for the holiday and began their return trips home? Just as many patrolmen were on the highways during the first half of the holiday as during the last. Newspapers and radio stations gave the same attention to the highway situation during the first half of the holiday as during the last.

"In my opinion, a growing public consciousness of the hazard of holiday travel was responsible for the sudden downward turn in fatalities. Motorists realized that they were operating deadly weapons, which without a moment's notice, could kill or maim them or their families. They decided they must take every precaution and they did. The result was that the same number of persons who, in journeying to vacation spots, chalked up 20 fatalities got back home with three.

"To return North Carolina to the place of honor it held in 1948, when this State was termed the safest in the South, public consciousness of the need for careful and courteous driving must not be forgotten as soon as the spotlight is turned away from such publicized periods as the July 4 holiday. It must be a continuing thing, 365 days a year, week-days and Sundays.

"Highway safety officials are doing everything in their power to cut down on the horrible slaughter on our highways, but their efforts are useless unless they have the support of every citizen in North Carolina."

If the government does call World War II "retreads" for duty in the current strife, it will only be because the youngish side-walls seem to be in good shape.—Greensboro Daily News.

-THE- EVERYDAY COUNSELOR

By Rev. Herbert
Spaugh, D. D.

Pride is a dangerous thing, for "pride goeth before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall."

Most of our pride is somewhat like a balloon, it can be deflated. And there are always deflators about. They usually keep me in line. A lawyer friend spent his last years in semi-retirement, devoting himself largely to literary work for the pure enjoyment of it. He was accustomed to have his essays printed at his own expense, and then mail them as gifts to friends.

He told in some of his last writings that friends were complimenting him so profusely that he commenced to think that he was an author. Then came this letter: "Dear Sir: I received your little book of essays, which I have glanced through and am returning to you for the reason that I do not care to read such. Please do not subject me to further offerings. Yours truly, —"

My late lawyer friend stated that he had this letter framed and hung on his office wall. When people commenced to say too many nice things about his writings, he would get up and go and look at this letter again. So he retained his humility.

Perhaps the most dangerous form of pride is spiritual. When a man becomes satisfied with his moral and spiritual life he is in a bad way. When he becomes superior about it he becomes worse. Here we have religious bigotry. Beware!

The spiritually proud were the only ones against whom Jesus became indignant. The Pharisees were such, and their very name has come down to us as implying those who held up their spiritual garments from contact with the crowd.

We need to avoid the state of self-contentment. It is but a step into the next room of pride, which is at the back of the house. The next step, if taken, is usually outside.

Progress is extremely difficult with a closed mind and a satisfied spirit.

One of the most interesting of the Beatitudes of Jesus is, "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth." For a long time I did not understand that. Now light is commencing to come, as I notice that those who are forever talking about themselves, usually have little time to listen for new ideas.

The most important prayer for most of us is still, "God be merciful to me a sinner."

EDITOR'S NOTE: Dr. Spaugh's little book on successful living "The Pathway to Contentment" is now available. Orders may be sent to The Everyday Counselor, Box 6036, Charlotte 7, N. C. The price is \$1.00 postpaid.

READY NAVY CORSAIR FOR COMBAT



SPRUCING UP A NAVY F42 "Corsair," crewmen at the Litchfield Park Naval Base, near Phoenix, Ariz., use hoses to wash down the plane after it has been "demoted." The hundreds of ships being re-activated consist of all types of fighters and bomber craft. (International Soundphoto)

DISCHARGE OF PRISON FOREMAN TO BE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

Raleigh—Acting Prison Director H. H. Honeycutt said yesterday that A. W. Livengood is leaving the State payroll immediately.

Livengood, a \$250-a-month prison gang foreman, previously had been scheduled to leave the payroll on July 31. This was announced last Friday by James Thomasson, prison maintenance director and Livengood's immediate superior.

Thomasson said the action was taken to improve the department's operations. Livengood allegedly assisted former Prison Director J. B. Moore in the construction of a garage apartment at his home here.

Moore resigned his prison post several weeks ago after the State Bureau of Investigation investigated charges that he used State materials and prisoner labor for work at his home.

Moore, who denied the charges, said Livengood helped him on the garage apartment on Saturdays when he was not working for the State.

Thomasson's announcement Friday followed an unexplained trip Livengood and Moore made Thursday to the Smithfield Prison Camp.

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This 20th day of July, 1950.
SPENCER B. HORTON
Administrator of Mary Horton Hackett

Attys: Hayes & Hayes 8-31-6t(T)

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of L. L. Carlton, deceased late of Wilkes County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Boomer, N. C. Route 1 on or before the 13 day of July 1951, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate will please make immediate settlement.

This 15 day of July, 1950.
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that they would be done. My recommendations have been ignored and not been given any consideration, and I do not feel that I should continue to serve as a member of the committee and have therefore resigned.
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