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By WEIMAR JONES

prices, when they all raise 'em the same amount, and when they publicly announce the increase is by agreement — you don't have to be a lawyer to know that isn't competition.

And yet which of us who champion free enterprise—and I am one of them—would say that you can have free enterprise without competition? The Franklin incidents, of

course, are significant because they are a part of a national trend. When the price of one kind of gasoline goes up, for instance, don't all the others usually go up, and by exactly the same margin? Does anybody believe that is mere coincidence?

The trend indicates a vast change in our thinking in this country. It suggests the question: Do most of us who profess such faith in free enterprise really believe in it, or do we favor it only when we can have it without paying a price for it — the price, say, of competition?

Worst of all, it seems to me, is the custom of tipping. That, of course, is not an exclusively American practice; but nowhere does it make poorer sense. It is in conflict with all our modern ideas of standard prices, of our traditions of equality vs. servility, of our democratic ideals of special privilege to none.

A man has a service for sale.

It is priced at so much. But, when the time comes to pay for it, you find you have been misled — you must pay the stated price, plus a tip. It is a plain case of misrepresentation.

And tipping is spreading. Today, you not only tip the man who carries your bags into the hotel, the waitress who serves your meal; in the cities, you tip the barber, the taxi driver — you darn near tip "the butcher, the baker, the candlestick maker."

At a hotel recently, I ran into something I had heard about but never experienced. The management explains to its guests that there is no tipping; instead, 10 per cent is added to your bill to cover what is emphatically referred to as "gratuities."

I found myself asking: "Why in heck doesn't this hotel pay its help decent wages to start with? Why force me to pay for service I'm supposed to get, and

pay to get, and then pay the hotel's help besides?"

But did I say that to the hotel management? I did not! I was just as cowardly about this iniquitous practice as most Americans are.

He's An Old Hand At Flying

(This personality sketch appeared in a recent issue of the *Hondo* (Tex.) *Anvil Herald* under a "Meet Your Neighbors" heading about Hondo Air Base personnel. Cadet Greene is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Greene, of this county.—Editor.)

Aviation Cadet Grady J. Greene, another student in class 57-Quebec, may be considered an old hand at the flying business.

After entering the service in August, 1950, he trained at Lackland, Lowry, Randolph, and Forbes Air Force Bases and served an overseas tour before being discharged from the service. His overseas tour was with the 307th Bomber Wing, Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, for seven months. He was Center Fire Control Gunner on his plane and has 27 missions to his credit — 26 night and one day.

His plane was never hit and an enemy fighter was never spotted. Most of their attention was on "By Pass Bridges" on the Sinuiju River in Korea. They also bombed airfields and ran front-line missions.

Born March 16, 1931, he is the youngest of four children. His brother was a B-25 pilot during WW II.

Upon returning to the states, Greene was sent to Smoky Hill A. F. B. in Kansas, and was later discharged in September, 1953.

He is holder of the Air Medal, Korean Campaign ribbon, and the United Nations ribbon. He again entered the service in March of this year and reported to Hondo June 20.

Rates of Soil Bank payments for removing cotton from production will be 15 cents a pound this year.

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DRAFT BOARD CLASSES MEN

Puts 19 Registrants In 4-A Class That Exempts Prior Duty

Thirty-four classifications have been announced by the local draft board.

The largest (19) was the 4-A class, which exempts a registrant who has completed service and/or is the sole surviving son of a family in which sons or daughters were killed in the line of duty.

Those put in 4-A included Thomas L. Carver, Russell F. Wiggins, Lawrence D. Davis, Don C. Henry, Jr., Billy J. Solesbee, James F. Young, John C. Kinsland, Gilbert F. Reed, Bobby H. Norris, Kenneth E. Young, Grady W. Childers, Ray N. Wilson, Jodie C. Aycock, Jr., Lester E. Forrester, Ted M. Farmer, Charles J. Baldwin, Olan E. Vinson, Furman D. Reese, and Robert H. Baty.

Other classifications:

1-A (available for military service): Earl R. Chastain.

1-C (inducted): Milton L. Higdon, Gerald B. Denny, Oscar W. Dills, Lawrence L. Bradley, Clifton L. Young, and Franklin D. Conley.

1-C (enlisted): Thomas W. Angell, Billy J. Tallent, and Lloyd B. Gregory.

5-A (over the age of liability): Robert L. Campbell, Charles A. Conley, Jr., Thomas P. Crawford, Bobby S. Mason, and George E. Ramey, Jr.

Garden Time . . .

By ROBERT SCHMIDT

It seems out of place to talk about irrigation when we are having plenty of rain, but it hasn't been so in some past weeks. This period has been a good example of why irrigation is not just desirable, but is a necessity for a vegetable garden. The drought has also been accompanied by intense heat.

During this time sweet corn, snapbeans, butterbeans, beets, peppers, cucumbers, and tomatoes have been maturing and have suffered from lack of moisture. Many vegetables such as these attain high quality only when they make rapid growth and this is made possible by plenty of moisture as well as fertility. Two or three weeks of dry weather, especially when it's hot, can check the growth of some vegetables so that they will never recover and the result will be a tough, stringy, and fibrous product.

It has been my experience that you cannot depend on natural rainfall if you expect to grow high quality vegetables. You should have an inch or rainfall each week during the main growing season. When the rain fails, the same amount of water should be applied from other sources — a pond, well, stream, or city water supply.

If the garden area is flat, surface or furrow irrigation may be used. If not, one of the overhead sprinkler systems may be used. The most popular and effective type is one having a standpipe with rotating nozzle at the top. Expensive, you say? Perhaps, if you think in terms of one year, but you will use the equipment over a number of years, and think of all the vegetables and berries that you will save by its use.

A friend who has been selling irrigation systems for commercial operations in this state said that in one year he sold more equip-

ment for pastures than for any other purpose. If it is not too expensive for pastures, it certainly is not too expensive for the vegetable garden which should furnish your table and local market with the best products to be had.

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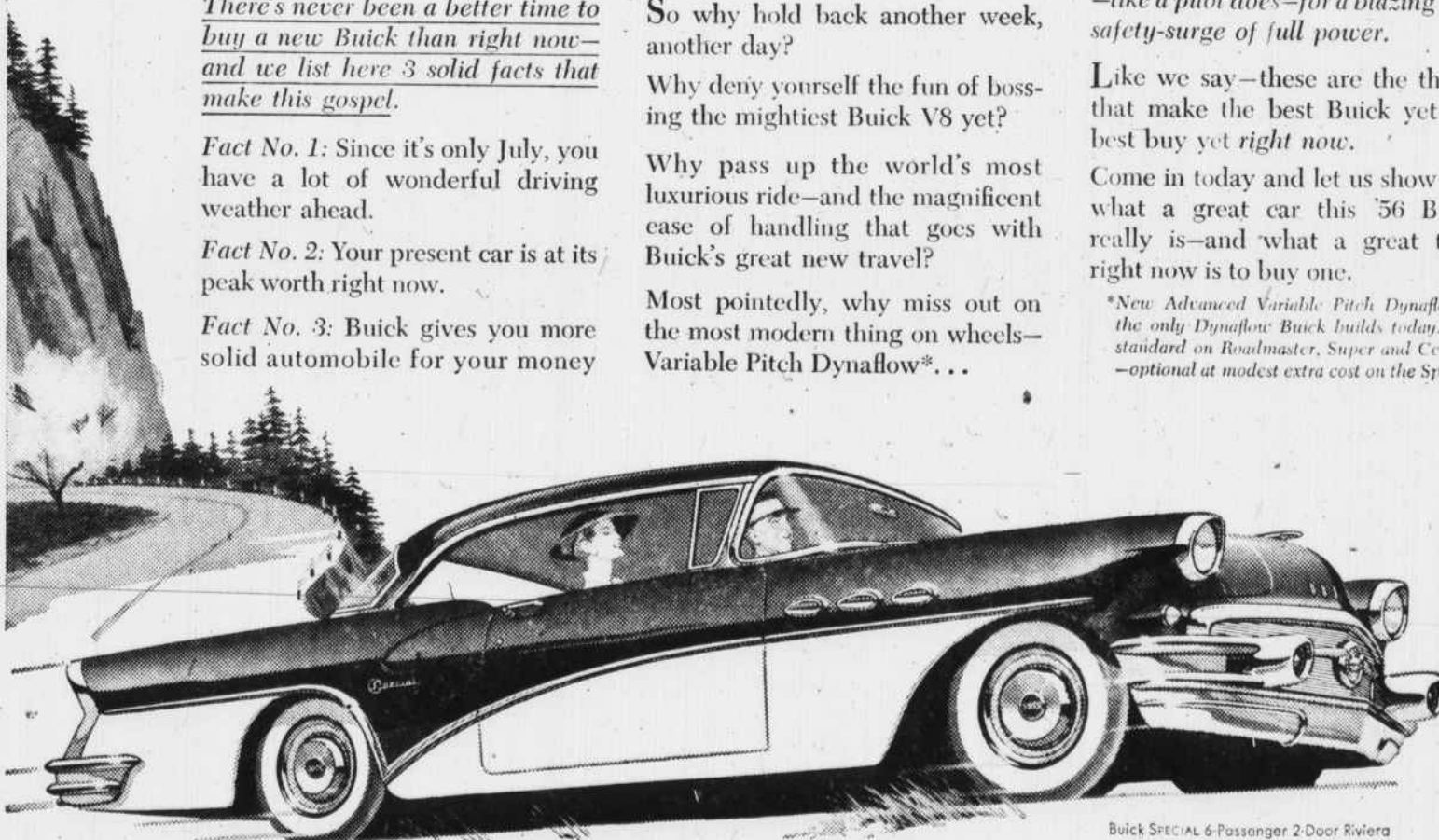
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