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More Butter

There will be 200,000,000 more pounds of butter for family dinner tables in 1947 than was to be had this year and by June, 1947, the wholesale price will drop to around 30 cents per pound, was predicted at a recent meeting in Chicago of the American Butter Institute.

The "pipe line" of production still hindered by reconversion problems as are other industries will be in better working order then, it was explained, and by June, it was pointed out, that farm pastures will be lush and bigger quantities of milk and cream will be coming to the creameries.

One reason that the price of butter didn't drop drastically with the complete lifting of the OPA controls just prior to the November elections, the butter people claim is that November and December are the low points of the year for the production of milk.

Another reason they give is that the Government subsidy to the farmers has been discontinued and the butter makers have performed, had to add it to the cost of butter. It is argued that in the price of butter to the consumer—that he merely pays in the additional cost of the butter what he formerly paid in taxes to cover the subsidy.

On the other hand butter makers claim that butter prices today are not high compared to the price of other foods, when it takes 10 quarts of whole or grade A milk to make one pound of butter.

At any rate we will keep the matter in mind and look forward to that 30 cent drop in butter by next June, and incidentally to that time again when you can enjoy pancakes or waffles with that old-time use of plenty of melted butter.

An Appeal

A couple of weeks ago Governor Cherry called upon the citizens of North Carolina to give their personal support to a nationwide campaign to stop accidents during the Christmas holiday season. He pointed out that traffic accidents during the first nine months of this year were 30 per cent higher than in the same period last year.

The Governor's appeal might well be incorporated in our New Year's resolutions for they will be just as timely during every day of the coming year as they are during this Christmas holiday season.

"If each of you citizens would make a personal vow to take no chances that would result in accident, the holiday season would be a truly joyous one in every home in our state," in part said the Governor.

"That may seem a wish incapable of fulfillment, but accidents can be stopped. It takes only a little forethought, a little common sense, and courtesy. Each person must realize that an accident can happen to him and refuse to take the chance that will cause it," further pointed out Governor Cherry.

Eat—Then Suffer

Don't keep an appointment with a dentist on an empty stomach, advises Dr. Sidney Tarachow, psychiatrist, at a recent dental meeting in New York. He stated that being hungry increases physical tension and pain perception. He also recommended jokes and light banter between the dentist and his assistant to get the patient's mind off that aching tooth.

Sounds plausible, for we don't know of anything that might be tackled, on an empty stomach, which might be at its best except a good full meal.

Occupation de Luxe

There has been considerable clamor for a full-scale, bang-up Senate investigation of the American occupation of Germany, complete with political fanfare and international rumblings. The report of the Senate War Investigating Committee on conditions in the United States zone has been suppressed, but Senator Owen Brewster is determined to re-open the issue with sweeping publicity when he becomes committee chairman in January.

We are opposed to any political exploitation of this serious problem, especially if it will lend itself to a demand to bring the troops home before their job is done. But the gravity of the charges in the suppressed report cannot be ignored. Any first-hand witness can corroborate some of these charges.

The widespread misconduct charged against United States army officers and men has implications for American prestige in the difficult future. In the nature of things, the officers must take a larger share of the blame, particularly since poorly trained and indoctrinated troops are now being sent as replacements.

The report charges that a number of high-ranking army officers are involved in gross black-marketing operations. There is no question but that many of them—lesser fry as well as brass—are living with scandalous ostentation and luxury, with an absence of moral standards apparent both to the occupied people and their own troops. There is no disguising the hard fact that excessive drinking at all levels of the army is causing Americans to be regarded by many Europeans as a nation of drunkards.

The cause and remedy lie deeper than is likely to be uncovered by any Senate investigation. Partly, at least, they point to the fact that America has not yet grown up to the recognition that her responsibilities to the peace are no less imperative than to the war. Meanwhile, the publicized difficulties of occupation should cause some slight hesitation in those irresponsible enthusiasts who want to drop the atomic bomb on parts of the globe that are not yet convinced of the superiority of the American way of life. —Christian Science Monitor.

Movie Pests

We were amused at the following movie pests listed by a writer recently, some of which we are all no doubt allergic to when we attend the showing of some special picture and want the full benefit of the acting and scenery:

"The six-foot plus giant, who always moves in to take the seat directly in front of you, occupied by a shorty when you arrived.

"The love-birds who put their two heads together completely blot out the screen for those behind them, and who don't seem to know that a couple who plan to use movie seats for a parlor sofa should sit in the back row.

"The giggling girls who go to the movies in threes or fours, and start to gossip whenever they find the picture boring.

"The small child for whom no baby sitter was available and who must be hushed continually during the performance.

"The fellow who has seen the movie before, and who in an effort to impress his date his clairvoyance, lets everybody within earshot in on what is going to happen next.

"The seat-changers who are forever improving their lot by moving whenever they see a vacant seat they imagine is better than the one they occupy.

"Then there is always the woman with a crazy hat who maybe did not comb her hair and is using it as a cover all—to hide her carelessness and therefore cannot remove."

52-20 Payments

One of the plans provided by the government for the assistance of returning veterans guaranteed \$20 a week for fifty-two weeks in the event that the veteran was unable to secure employment.

Up to the present time more than six million veterans have filed such claims. Slightly less than one million are now receiving the payments and there has been much comment throughout the nation about the 52-20 clubs.

It is interesting to observe that in Puerto Rico, 36.2 per cent of the veteran population has filed claims. Among the states, West Virginia, with 65.5 per cent is tops, but in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee and Missouri more than half of the veterans have put in requests.

The states with the lowest percentages were Nebraska, Nevada, and Wyoming, with figures between 20 and 25 per cent. In Hawaii, by the way, the requests for unemployment pay came from only 5.5 per cent of the veterans.

(BEDEVIL ISLAND)



HERE and THERE

By HILDA WAY GWYN

Going down Main Street Friday morning was like watching a sudden change in Time taking place—as clerks and shop managers were redecorating their windows—trying to get Christmas out of their hair. We thought of our own living room back home—with its bits of gay Christmas ribbon and paper scattered about—even though we had been making an effort since the first gift was unwrapped to get rid of the stuff. Passing the Post Office, the clerks seemed a bit let down. Going by the five and ten-cent stores and noting their complete reconversion we were almost shocked at the absence of any sign of Christmas. In Burnett's the tree and all the trimmings were still up and we hope they leave them so until the New Year's issue in as most of us do in our homes for they lend atmosphere to Christmas meals—but of course in the shops Christmas is definitely a dead issue—for merchandise now looks toward Spring.

We heard an interesting discussion during the past week about holidays, by people who work "regularly" so understand what it's all about. The group agreed that a vacation should be divided, like Gaul of old, into three parts; the first cycle devoted to preparation for the forthcoming holidays; the second to indulge in the rest from work; and the third period to be devoted entirely to recovery and the readjustment to the idea of starting to work all over again. We decided it was not a bad idea, for if there is anything in this world exhausting to a person, who has a job, more than a vacation, we haven't found it. For most of us try to crowd in everything we have thought of doing since the last holiday and it is far more tiring than our regular work.

Christmas Eve, after our household was bedded down, we took time out before going to sleep to follow our routine of reading even though we knew we should find solace and rest in sleep—we read an Editorial which had a special message for us all. It pointed out that most of us make a mistake not to carry Christmas over as Christmas should remind us that the Christian world should practice its principles the year around—for no matter how the traditions have come to overlay the Christmas season with cold commercialism or pagan paraphernalia, the perfect

Inside WASHINGTON

Dixie Coal Operators See Hope for No Early Release Long Wage Tiff With Lewis

Special to Central Press

WASHINGTON—Government sources claim southern coal operators do not want their mines released any early date from federal control.

The reason given is that the "south" anticipates a long and bitter struggle with John L. Lewis, eventually, over terms of a new mine wage contract.

Northern operators ultimately are expected to reach an agreement with the union along the lines of the government-UMW contract.

The southern mine owners are staunchly opposed, however, to its provisions covering unionization of foremen, a uniform industry-wide safety code and the royalty on coal for the miners' welfare program.

During the war the southern producers held out many months longer than the northern operators on acceptance of a contract negotiated by former Interior Secretary Harold Ickes and Lewis. Their mines continued under government control and kept working.

Apparently they hope to repeat the performance.

DEMOCRATS, who will have a strong minority voice in the 80th Congress, intend to fight Republican proposals for a 20 per cent income tax cut and to demand that any surplus revenues be used to reduce the huge war debt.

The two top Democratic leaders on taxation and appropriations already have pledged their party to this program.

Rep. Clarence Cannon (D) of Missouri, who will be minority member of the House appropriations committee, GOP tax cut proposal would be "inadvisable" and that should be reduced at the rate of five billion dollars a year.

Rep. Robert L. Doughton (D) of North Carolina, ranking minority member of the tax-voting ways and means committee, asks "when will the debt be reduced" if the start paying it off in this time of record high national debt.

A FULL-FLEDGED BATTLE is under way between Pan Am Airways and a bloc of domestic airlines over Pan Am's plan to gain a network of domestic routes in continental United States. The debate is going on before the Civil Aeronautics Board in Washington, with attorneys for both sides slugging it out in heated contests.

An attorney for one of the opposing airlines asked Pan Am's proposed better service to international American meant the "provision of Spanish speaking pilots or two Spanish magazines and the serving of chili con carne."

The Pan Am official who had scored what he called "airlines' failure to hold planes for a short period to convenience international connections," replied, "I could ask for no better example of the attitude of domestic airlines than the tone of your question particularly the slur on the end."

A STORY GOING THE ROUNDS in Germany was related to Senate war investigating committee by Maj. Gen. O. P. Egan, head of the Civilian Affairs Division of the American Military Government.

He said that the story goes that when the Big Four divided up Germany for occupation purposes, the Russians got the part with the food, the British and French got the manufacturing and mining facilities and the United States got the scenery, the skiing and the yodelers.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

What would you like to see take place in 1947?

Mrs. Louise Caldwell—"I would like to see the income tax cut down."

David Hyatt—"I'd like to see most of all the country settle down to normal, with high production of goods and strikes eliminated so prices can come down to where they should be."

Miss S. A. Jones—"I'd like to see a centrally located park and recreation center in Waynesville for our people and the visitors."

She Bryson—"I would like to see everything adjusted back to normal again."

Wilma McCracken Gordon—"Prosperity. More industry around Waynesville, with more people working. I'd like to see the end of these strikes that cause so much unemployment."

gift of the New Born Babe shines through and touches the most indifferent heart. We have all learned that the simple story of Jesus' words and works still have the power to stir the heart that the most glamorous materialism lacks. Love can still conquer hate. If the good will which burns with our Christmas fires could outlast the year, what a perfect world we would have. When we consider the problems facing us daily not only as individuals, but also in terms of brotherhood among the nations of this earth, we realize what might be accomplished if we would only carry Christmas over, it would no doubt help to substitute the Golden rule in the great game of political power with which the nations are now trying to win peace.

If you have not read—during the rush of the past weeks, the story of "My most unforgettable character," in the January issue of Reader's Digest, by Anne Morrow Lindbergh, we advise you to do so.

For the story will linger among your "unforgettables"—not alone for the extraordinary subject of which she writes, but also her charming manner of expressing herself. She writes of a man who was adviser to many—in working out their difficulties—and how often problems instead of being solved—were "dissolved" in his presence. Now to us that is one of the highest compliments one could pay another. For so often we get all twisted up in our reasoning processes and someone can iron out our "roubles"—and give us a balanced viewpoint, which we have lost—and give us a kind of "emotional, intellectual and spiritual buoyancy that lifts us out of ourselves—and gives us that new start—that we all need at times.

No one has higher regard for the teaching profession than we do. We think it is a disgrace to this nation that those who come (Continued on Page Three)

Capital Letters

By THOMPSON GREENWOOD

WHEN HE HEARD — J. M. Broughton, who is regarded as a candidate for the U. S. Senate in 1948, Umstead or no Umstead, was in St. Louis on the Farm Bureau Train returning from California when he heard of J. W. Bailey's death from a boy who had a portable radio.

He tried to get a plane out of St. Louis for Raleigh, but there was a heavy fog and generally muggy weather, and he could get no assurance as to when the plane might leave. Broughton might have come in by air anyway, but Mrs. Broughton dissuaded him from doing so.

When the train reached Louisville, Ky., Sunday, he considered chartering a plane, but found that the funeral was to be at 3:30 that afternoon, and he decided he couldn't make it. He finally arrived home Tuesday.

PUBLICITY—Now here is something that is not rumor: J. M. Broughton has approved work—or pre-publicity work—on his campaign. He has a fancy figure, nearly as much as the reporter is going to take the job.

SECRETARY It is reported that John Harden, Gov. Secretary who worked with W. B. Umstead's campaign, will go to Raleigh to see the change after the election. He is expected to be in the Gov. man who is close to going into the Governor's chair.

ADULTS PROVIDE TEEN-AGER IDEAS U. S. BUREAU SAYS

By JANE EADS

WASHINGTON—Lively as teenagers are, U. S. Children's Bureau manages to keep in step with them. In keeping tab on what makes them tick, the Children's Bureau through the years has endeavored to "help parents to give their children affectionate guidance into adulthood."

Now in view of "increased knowledge" of teen-age children, the Bureau has brought out a revised edition of its widely-followed pamphlet, "Guiding the Adolescent."

The Bureau contends, however, that the principles underlying the guidance of adolescent children



BROADWAY

THIS IS A STUDY IN KEAN CASTING FOR OLD MUSICAL

NEW YORK—This is what has come to be known in theatrical inner circle as the "Keanest" story in town.

When Betty Garrett's sensational performance in "Call Me Mister" called the Hollywood brass to her dressing room with contracts. Producers Melvyn Douglas and Herman Levin started looking about for some lively comedienne to follow in the handsome, talented sandals of the gay Garrett gal. Levin reached back into his memory for a name he associated with a young lady's personal hit in a flop musical. His sketchy re-

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