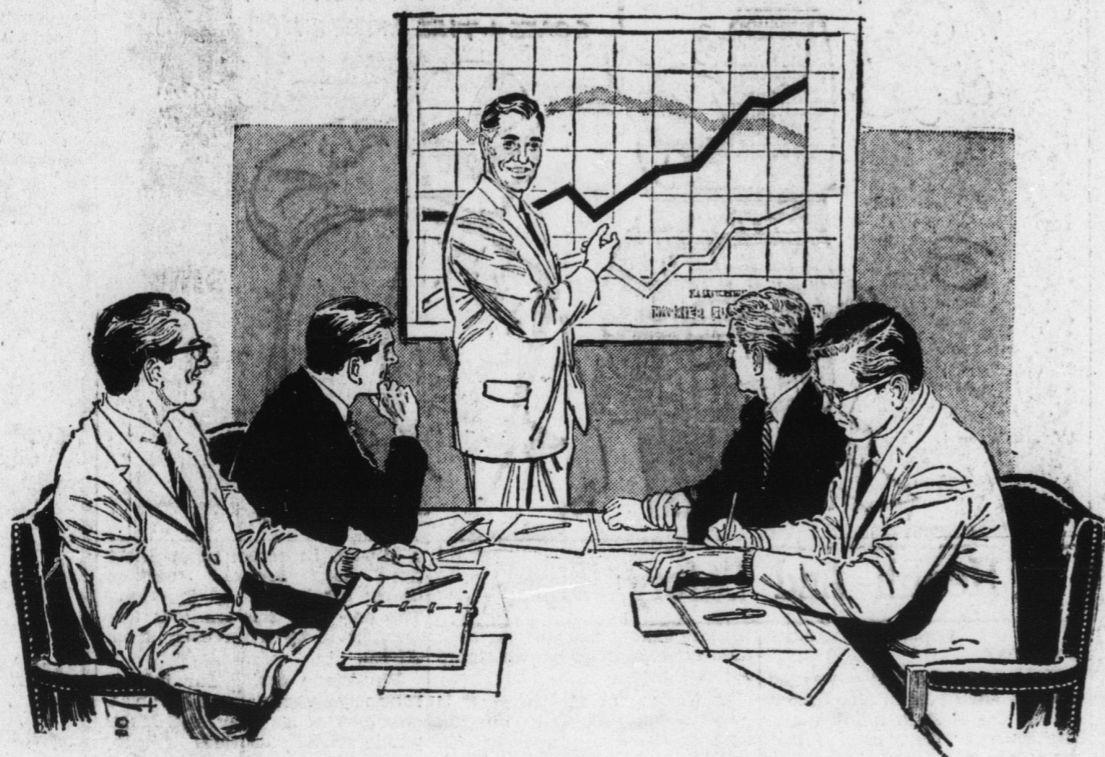


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### Health And Safety Tips

Is fluoridation of public water supplies an effective method of reducing tooth decay? Yes, says an official party statement of the American Medical Association.

Is introduction of fluorine into public water supplies safe? Again, the AMA says yes.

The position of the medical organization with regard to fluoridation is set down in a new pamphlet published by the AMA. The association first endorsed the principle of fluoridation of community water supplies in 1951, and further reaffirmed this position in 1957.

The AMA's Council on Foods and Nutrition and the Council on Drugs in a joint statement declared:

"Fluoridation of public water supplies so as to provide the approximate equivalent of 1 part per million of fluorine in drinking water has been established as a method for reducing dental caries in children up to 10 years of age. In localities with warm climates, or where for other reasons the ingestion of water or other sources of considerable fluoride content is high, a lower concentration of fluoride is advisable. On the basis of available evidence, it appears that this method decreases the incidence of caries during childhood. Other evidence indicates as well a reduction in the rate of dental caries up to at least 44 years of age.

"No evidence has been found to prove that continuous ingestion of water containing the equivalent of approximately 1 part per million of fluorine for long periods by large segments of the population is harmful to the general health. Mottling of the

tooth enamel associated with the level of fluoridation is minimal. The importance of this mottling is outweighed by the caries-inhibiting effect of the fluoride.

"Fluoridation of public water supplies should be regarded as a prophylactic measure for reducing tooth decay at the community level and is applicable where the water supply contains less than the equivalent of 1 part per million of fluorine."

This statement was accepted by the House of Delegates of the AMA as official policy of the medical organization.

### Agriculture In Action

#### COSTS STILL RISING

Farm production costs moved up again and pushed to a new record high in May, according to the latest government report. What's more, there is nothing in the picture that points to any reversal of the steady upward climb which has persisted for a number of years.

Prices paid by farmers for goods and services used in production and in family living increased one percent in May to set a new record high of 323 percent of the 1910-14 average.

Rising costs have been the major factor in the income squeeze farmers have suffered since the end of World War II.

From 1947 to 1964, gross farm income increased a little less than \$8 billion, but was accompanied by an increase of more than \$12 billion in farm production costs. Thus, costs went up \$1.50 for each \$1.00 in gross income.

Part of the postwar increase in farm costs is a result of the increased use of production aids, but prices, wages and taxes have also increased.

For example, taxes on farm real estate increased 144.1 percent from 1947 to 1963, as the result of higher wages and prices and a growing demand for local government services such as schools.

But the basic force behind the upward trend in our general price level is inflation. The purchasing power of the dollar is somewhat less than half what it was immediately prior to World War II.

Our inflation problem in turn is due largely to government spending that has put the budget in the red year after year. The current Administration has proposed new welfare spending projects which promise to set new records in national debt.

Other factors contributing to higher labor costs include increased minimum wage rates, increased taxes for social security, etc. These costs are passed on to the consumer in the form of higher prices, and the farmer is the largest per capita consumer of the products of industry. Government policies which have permitted unions to exercise powers that are denied other groups under the antitrust laws also increase wage costs.

What can be done to stop constantly rising farm costs? One thing that is needed is for the government to take effective steps to stabilize the value of the dollar through appropriate monetary and fiscal policies. And more effective policies to encourage competition and prevent the exercise of monopoly power by any group would also be helpful.

Most helpful of all, though, would be vocal taxpayers who let it be known that they are tired of government's astronomical spending.

### The Veterans Corner

EDITOR'S NOTE: Below are authoritative answers by the Veterans Administration to some of the many current questions from former servicemen and their families. Further information on veterans benefits may be obtained at any VA office.

Q—I have received an insurance application and a pamphlet from the VA, generally describing the provisions of the new insurance law. I already have \$10,000 worth of government insurance. Am I eligible for more insurance?

A—No. VA sent applications and general information to veterans on the compensation rolls on the basis they are the group having the greatest potential eligibility. The mailing was conducted from records maintained by our automatic data processing office. These records do not show the insurance status of the veteran.

Q—I have government life insurance on the term plan. When will I be told of my eligibility for the new modified life plan which became available May 1?

A—Generally, veterans with term insurance will be notified of the new modified life plan when their policy is scheduled for renewal on the term plan. Prior to expiration of the term contract, the veteran will be given complete information regarding the new insurance.

Q—My military service started subsequent to January 1, 1957. Am I eligible for the insurance I have heard so much about?

A—No. The insurance you refer to is available only to certain veterans having service between October 8, 1940, and January 1, 1957, and who meet other requirements established by the VA.

### Spice CABINET

Rug Care Hints  
 Don't try to wash or shampoo rugs yourself. Many of the preparations sold for this purpose cannot be removed from the floor covering. The residue that remains may cause rapid re-soiling and may damage colors or even the fabric. There is also great danger in overwetting, a frequent cause of delayed-action browning stains.

### FIX-IT TIP

Toward Future  
 Doing some painting this year? Here's a tip that will keep your work looking fresh for years to come.  
 Buy a little extra paint and keep it handy to touch up chipped corners and the like as they occur.  
 If you don't point out the spots, no one will be able to tell where the repairs were made.

### Legion Games

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E—Bell 2, Medlin, Deal 2, L. Sisk, HPB—Leigh (By Abernathy), Deal, (By Lowery), SB —Faulkner, 2B—Sisk, Fisher, Deal, Arrowood, Murphy, Lowery, 3B —Faulkner, Arrowood, HR —Gold.

#### THIRD GAME

Kings Mtn.	AB	R	H	RBI
Rhea, If	5	0	1	0
Murphy, 3b	4	1	0	0
Gold, ss	4	1	1	0
Bell, 2b	4	0	0	0
McGinnis, 1b	4	0	2	2
Faulkner, cf	3	0	0	0
Leigh, rf	4	0	0	0
Medlin, c	4	0	0	0
Adkins, p	4	0	1	0

Hickory	AB	R	H	RBI
Sisk, ss	4	0	1	0
Fisher, 3b, 2b	3	1	1	0
Rudisill, cf	3	0	1	0
Deal, c	2	1	0	0
Arrowood, 1b	4	1	1	1
Lail, If	3	0	0	0
Dellinger, rf	3	0	1	0
Hoover, p	1	0	0	0
—Teague	1	0	1	1
Hastings, 3b	1	0	0	0

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 E—NONE—DP—Gold & McGinnis, Adkins & Murphy, 2B—Rhea, Bell, Rudisill, HPB — Deal (By Adkins).

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