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government sets up must have reports from everybody.

About the first thing a new bureau does is to order a class of business firms and individuals to make reports, 99 per cent of which are never used for any purpose.

In so doing the government is wasting more manpower than anything else.

It takes time to make the complicated reports. Ask any merchant or business man. Ask the farmer what he thinks of the complicated reports. Ask the trucker what he has to do.

And many small business firms do not have people who can make the myriads of reports. That means they must hire somebody to do it, and who can they get?

That forces them to worry over reports at midnight, and when they send them in it is very likely that in a few days they will get them back with the notation that they have failed to give the information "asked in item 13".

Right off some government man is going to read this and say: "That editor doesn't understand".

Borrowed Comment

IT IS MIDAS-LIKE
 (The Cleveland Times)

Many are the housewives whose complaints we have heard during the past few months, bemoaning the fact that they cannot procure household help for love or money. All of which sets one to thinking. Are times so easy and money so plentiful that those who once did this work can live without employment? Certainly those who employed them heretofore have to work as usual, even harder to meet advanced cost of living and to pay exceptionally higher taxes, not to mention patriotic purchases of war bonds and many a donation to war-worthy charity.

The situation is indeed a puzzling one. Recently a house-wife complained to the maid because of her absence the day before. The maid explained "that it rained yesterday and I stayed at home." The house-wife said: "That's a bit funny, my husband went to work in the rain yesterday—he had to do so in order to make a living and to be able to pay you Saturday."

While a very small boy we used to hear a song that went in this wise:

"'Taint no us o' me working so hard
 Cause I got a woman in the white folks' yard
 She brings me meat and she brings me lard
 and sometimes a chicken from the white folks' yard."

We can well understand how that song solved the problem of living in that other day but with "the woman gone from the white folks' yard" we can hardly grapple the situation. To attempt to fathom it puts one immediately in the field of mysticism and there we must find a magic financial build-up that certainly is lending itself to an undeniably Utopian existence—it is the envy of us all, this Midas-like touch that transforms idleness into profit.

LIFE'S BETTER WAY
 WALTER E. ISENHOUR
 Hiddenite, N. C.

AN ANSWER SOFT
 An answer soft when things go wrong
 Will do a lot of good;
 'Twill put within your heart a song,
 Though you're misunderstood;
 For God will use the kindly word
 With which to settle strife,
 And bring to naught what you have heard
 That might defeat your life.

An answer soft when under fire
 Of Satan's awful rage
 May peace within someone inspire
 And make of him a sage,
 By showing him what God can do
 To conquer all that's bad,
 And make him kind and gentle, too,
 When wrong would keep him mad.

An answer soft reveals the grace
 You've gained in other days
 While keeping in your given place,
 Although you've had no praise:
 Yet great it is to know you've built
 By slow and sure degrees,
 And in great trials feel no guilt,
 While others fall by these.

An answer soft may be the proof
 Of manhood's noble gems
 Which you have gained beneath your roof,
 Worth more than diadems;
 For character and manhood great
 Are better than a crown,
 Though one may never rule a state
 Nor live in great renown.

ABNORMAL ABSURDITIES
 By
DWIGHT NICHOLS
 et al

RULES, REGULATIONS
 The maze of regulations by governmental bureaus is the source for many things that rightfully belong under the heading of "Abnormal Absurdities".

In order to buy new farm equipment now, you've got to promise to lend it to neighbors if they need it.

There was the case of a farmer trying to buy some chicken wire to fence off a lot in which to keep 1,200 chickens.

When he came to the question in the application about would he be willing to lend the equipment which he intended to buy. He wrote in "NO".

So would we. Just imagine your predicament if you should have a chicken lot in which 1,200 hens were fenced in. Your neighbor came and borrowed the wire, what would 1,200 hens do to your other neighbor's garden?

And what would your other neighbor do to you?

And there was the wounded soldier in a field hospital on Guadalcanal who received a delayed letter from the Department of Agriculture saying that he was penalized \$50 for growing too much wheat.

And yet government bureau hands get hot under the collar when we poke fun at their silly regulations and orders. They can't stand the gaff. They even quarrel among themselves, and some of them would be happy if they could muzzle the newspapers so their silly business would not be properly held up to public ridicule.

ESSAY ON NAILS
 A few weeks ago we stated that we would try to write 200 words on any subject given us.

One day last week a lady on the street gave us a present. It was a rusty nail about one and one-half inches in length. She had picked it up on the street to keep it from going into somebody's tire.

"I want you to write an essay on nails", she said.

"Well, I should be able to pay my respect to nails. A service station man at this very instant is hunting for a nail in one of my precious tires", was our reply.

There are nails—and there are nails. When you need a nail around the house you could not find one with a whole battalion in a searching party. Easiest way we know to find a nail is to drive your car with thin tires. The tire will first find the nail and pick it up, then you can after so long a time find the nail in the tire.

When you pick up nails with tires, the said tires have a habit of becoming flat on the bottom, and no matter how much the wheel is turned the flat place remains on the bottom. Elsewhere it retains about its normal shape.

In case you ever find a nail lying around without using a tire to pick it up, it is a good idea to pick up said nail with your fingers and put it where a tire can't find it.

Having fulfilled our obligation to write an essay on "Nails", we'll quit writing long enough to go see if our tires have found any more nails.

WANT MORE SUBJECTS
 We want one or more of our 12 readers to send in more subjects. Reader number 12, who thought he or she was number 13, suggests we wash dishes under a leaky faucet and write about that. We promised to write, but have made no promises to do any dishwashing. So that's out.

FARM ETIQUETTE
 Axel had just hired himself out to a farmer and on the occasion of his first meal was trying to show all he knew about table manners. The farmer, however, was no stickler for etiquette.

Axel was struggling manfully with a fork, trying to eat some peas, when the farmer got out of patience.

Farmer—Axel, remember fingers were made before forks!
 Axel—Ja, but dis sveede ban tarn ghat he didn't haff to clean stables in t'em days.

WAS DREAMING
 The colored minister had just finished an unusually long and dry sermon . . . so long in fact, that several members of his congregation had drifted off to dreamland . . . so to close the morning's ritual, he asked one of the sleeping deacons:

Minister—And, now we will have a few minutes of prayer . . . Deacon Brown, will you lead?
 Deacon Brown (awakening suddenly)—Lead I just dead.

BUY MORE WAR BONDS

Dying Gunner Shot Down Enemy Plane and Returned Safely to Field

Washington—Details of how a young gunner on a B-23 Marauder bomber of the United States Army Air Forces crawled to his gun, shot down an attacking Messerschmitt over Sicily, and then photographed it crashing to earth in flames, were announced today by the War Department.

The gunner was Sergeant G. P. Corl, of Denver, Colo., who died as he was being lifted from the bomber after it had landed at its base in North Africa. Two other members of the crew were wounded on the same mission—Lieutenant T. B. Elliott of Raleigh, N. C., the bombardier, and Sergeant Cecil White of Royalty, Texas.

The story of Sergeant Corl's courageous action was reported by Captain John E. Criswell of Pittsburgh, pilot of the Marauder, who said: "All of us in the crew thought it was the grandest exhibition of pluck we had ever seen in the air."

"We were landing the third element of the first flight", he said, "when we ran into severe flak above Trapani. Three men in the ship were hit about the same time. Lieutenant Elliott was leaning over his bombsight when flak came through the window and hit him off the bombsight, but he crawled to it again, got his bearings, and dropped his bomb.

"Almost simultaneously Sergeant White called that he was hit. Corl must have got hit at the same time, but just as the bomb was dropped he caught sight of the Messerschmitt coming up from below.

"Corl had been knocked down and away from his gun. With three bullet wounds, he crawled back and got in a square burst against the attackers. All the wounded men stayed at their positions until the ship was through the flak and partly out of danger.

"Then Sergeant Bullian (Staff Sergeant E. W. Bullian of Edgerton, Wis.), administered first aid to Corl and kept him alive until the ship reached the landing field, but the shock had been too great."

5-Year-Old Milker

Allen Schnickman, five years old, of Livingston, N. J., continues milking one of his grandfather's cows in steady rhythm even while his picture is snapped. He has been milking since the age of 3½ years and makes spending money at the rate of five cents a cow.

Best Prices Paid For Quality Eggs

North Carolina eggs should reach the market in the best possible condition because high quality eggs bring the best prices, says C. J. Maupin, Extension poultry specialist at N. C. State College.

There are several fundamental rules of management for growers to follow in producing highest quality eggs.

"Proper production methods should include laying stock, bred for good egg production, free of disease, properly fed and housed, together with good sanitation and proper care of eggs after they are laid", Maupin says.

High grade eggs should weigh 24 ounces per dozen, have a good shell texture, be reasonably free of watery whites, and otherwise possess good internal quality.

"It is important that the flock be properly fed on a balanced ration, since the egg is manufactured from the food given the bird. Proper housing and equipment is needed to avoid production of inferior eggs. Clean eggs are not only in demand by the consumer of

fresh shell eggs but also by the egg drying plants," the poultry specialist advises.

The best temperature for storing eggs is between 40 and 60 degrees. He suggests that they should not be exposed to temperatures below 25 or 28 degrees in winter because of the danger of freezing. In summer the temperature should not be allowed to go above 88 degrees for fertile eggs.

"Every farm, which produces any considerable number of eggs, should have a specially prepared egg cellar or storage room", Maupin says.

Questions - Answers

Question: How should I cook meat for canning?
 Answer: There are several ways to pre-cook meat for canning, says Mrs. Cornelia C. Morris, Extension Food Conservationist at State College. She recommends that if meat is to be cooked before it is canned, that it should not be more than half done. It can be browned quickly in a small amount of hot fat in a frying pan; it can be roasted in an oven; or it can be stewed or boiled. Do not add salt to the meat until after it is packed in the jars," says Mrs. Morris. She also emphasizes that a pressure cooker is essential in canning meats and that other methods are not safe.

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Schools At War

This week has been designated as "Schools At War Week".

In North Wilkesboro school Thursday the third war loan drive was launched by an assembly program carried out by the student body council and speakers urged that the school continue its record of last year, which resulted in the school being awarded the coveted Minute Men flag.

What one school child can do in buying bonds and stamps is not much, but the collective buying of millions represents a valuable contribution to war financing.

What one student does in gathering scrap is little, but last year students gathered a large percentage of the scrap turned in to keep the steel mills going and to hasten the defeat of the axis.

Never be discouraged with the thought that what you can do is insignificant. Do what you can, and when what you have done is put with what others have done there is a real accomplishment of great magnitude.

Buy Bonds NOW

If you think we write too much about war bonds, consider the story of the new preacher who went to a church and for four consecutive weeks preached sermons on the subject of "Repentance". Finally, a deacon approached him and kindly said that the people wanted to hear sermons on other subjects. "Why do you still preach on 'Repentance'?", he asked.

The simple reply was, "The people have not yet repented."

As long as we write and urge the importance of buying war bonds you may know that there is need for buying war bonds.

There is no risk in buying bonds. In fact, bond buyers are benefitting themselves because they are saving and accumulating money to use in later years.

Your son, brother or friend on the battle front is risking his life; and he may lose it.

You who are asked to help in the war effort by buying bonds will not lose anything, and you are risking nothing.

There should be no need of an urge to buy war bonds. Every person with money should see the need for war financing and should rally 100 per cent to the nation's call for money.

"As long as they are dying you can't stop buying".

More Doctors In Uniform

Representatives of the medical profession in conference with military authorities, have announced that 6,000 more doctors are needed in the immediate future to serve the armed forces. The American Medical Journal, in explanation of the demand for more doctors, says: "As the war continues and intensifies, new needs for the services of the medical profession become apparent. An army in motion and one engaged in the kind of aggressive combat that now concerns our armed forces needs physicians in even greater number than have heretofore been demanded. Many thousands of interned aliens and prisoners are now the burden of the United States and must be given medical care."

It is up to civilians more than ever before to cooperate with the remaining medical men to the end that everyone will receive the best that can be given to them under the circumstances. If this cooperation is given there need be little hardships.

Red Tape Reports

Before going into this subject, we wish to say that we know that government must have reports. But are all the reports required of business firms now necessary? Our answer is no, definitely no!

It seems that every new bureau that the