Reynolds Biggest Tobacco Company

The Securities Commission of Washington has disclosed that each of the big three tobacco companies sold slightly more than \$200,000,000 worth of products in both 1934 and 1935.

James M. Landis, Chairman terming the figures one of the deepest trade secrets in American business, made public the reports of five major tobacco companies after four of them agreed to withdraw suits to prevent publication of the figures. The data has been included in statements filed in connection with their securities.

The reports also disclosed for the first time the cost of production in the tobacco manufacturing industry and in three cases also the overhead cost of selling, advertising, and administration. The former practice of the companies was to disclose only net profits.

The 1935 figures include: American Tobacco Company sales \$217,224,080, cost of production \$165,026,274, selling advertising, and administrative costs \$19,-045,608-operating profit \$33,153,197.

Liggett and Myers Tobacco Company-sales \$221,736,295, cost of production \$180,791,561, selling, advertising, and administrative expenses, \$21,221,248—operating profit \$19,-723,486.

R. I. Reynolds Tobacco Company -sales \$250,635,962, cost of production \$202,279,882. (Selling and other overhead costs not shown).

P. Lorillard Company - Sales \$59,155,156, cost of production \$44,-392,339, selling, advertising and administrative expenses \$10,787,203operating profit \$3,975,548.

United States Tobacco Company -sales \$16,495,527, cost of production \$9,990,714. (Other costs not shown).

Landis termed tobacco's capitulation as "the beginning of the end of a two-year campaign to force companies selling securities to publish their sales and cost data.'

"These figures," he said, "are the most important figures in an income statement. They really allow you to judge the earning ability of a company. I think it is important to note good investment counsel will not permit their clients to buy securities of companies which do not disclose sales and cost data. I agree with them."

novelist, used to paint houses to eke out his income as a writer.



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Wanted Husbands In the Old Days

Contrary to widespread belief the maidens of two centuries ago were not all timid, clinging, vines, especially in trapping a husband.

A writer for the South Carolina Guide, a WPA project, discovered the following petition in the South Carolina Gazette of March 2, 1734, addressed to the King of England:

"The humble petition of all the maids whose names are underwritten. Whereas we, the humble petitioners, are at present in a very melancholy disposition of mind, considering how all the bachclors are blindly captivated by widows, and our more youthful charms thereby neglected, the consequence of this our request is that Your Excellency will for the future order:

"That no widow shall presume to marry any young man till the maids are provided for, or else to lay each of them a fine for satisfaction for invading our liberities, and likewise a fine to be laid on all such bachelors as shall be married to widows. The great disadvantage it is to us maids is that the widows, by their forward carriage, do snap up the young men, and have the vanity to think their merits beyond ours, which is a great imposition upon us, who ought to have preference.

"This is humbly recommended to Your Excellency's consideration and hope you will prevent any further insults."

It was signed by 15 hopefuls.

Finds Fortune Dime In Used Chevy Car

Of all the millions of people who have bought used cars from Chevrolet dealers, probably few are so well satisfied with their purchase as Roy Koontz, of Bloomington, Ind., who recently bought a used car for \$150 from the University Chevrolet company of that city. After getting his car home, he happened to find a dime that had fallen down behind the seat cush-

Koontz was only mildly pleased by this lucky find, but his interest picked up when he noticed that the coin was dated 1821. That was a bit unusual. A friend of his happened to be somewhat of a coin specialist and he mentioned the fact to him.

The payoff came when the specialist, after a bit of investigation, William Faukner, Mississippi informed him that the coin had a rare coin market value of \$450. So now Mr. Koontz is firmly convinced that Chevrolet dealers truly offer more for your money.

> Motorist (to man he just ran over)-"Hey look out back there." Defeated soul-"What's the matter, y'ain't comin' back, are you?"

> Stubb-"This government report states that the life of a paper dollar is only seven or eight months." Stubblefield-"Well, I have never had one die on my hands."

> Along a country road came a \$7,-000 limousine. As it caught up with the smaller car, the owner of the big car could not resist the temptation to slow down and jolly the other driver a bit.

> "Heavens, man," he said, "what is it about your car that makes such a dreadful rattling sound?"

> "That? Oh, that's the \$6,500 jingling around in my pocket," said the small car driver.

> A juror was being questioned as to his eligibility in a certain murder case.

> "Do you believe in capital punishment?" asked the prosecuting attorney.

"Yes, and by electric current,"

answered the juror. "What business are you in?"

the attorney asked. "I work for the electric light company.

"You're excused."

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Miss Lois Henry went to Atlanta, Ga., Wednesday, returning to her home here Thursday.

Mrs. C. S. Brown left Wednesday for Atlanta, Ga., where she will spend a few days with friends.

Miss Sara Kelpin, of Atlanta, Ga., spent the past week visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Myra All-

George Jamison, of Rochester, N Y., is spending this week here with friends, Mr. Jamison was here with the forest service for several years.

William Katenbrink, of Atlanta, Ga., spent the week-end here with Mrs. Myra Allman and family.

Miss Mary Allman is spending several days in Atlanta, Ga., visiting her sister, Mrs. H. B. Kelpin.

Joe Palmer has been confined to his room this week with influenza.

Births

Mr and Mrs. Prelo Dryman announce the birth of a son, Richard Levon, Thursday morning, May 6, at Angel hospital. Mrs. Dryman will be remembered as Miss Merle Peek before her marriage.

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