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How The City Family Spends Income

Recently the Bureau of Labor Statistics painted us a fairly accurate picture of where the average city family spends its income. According to this government source, the average city family in 1950 made \$4,380, after personal taxes.

The average American is 30 years old, married, and the father of two children, in the process of paying off a mortgage on his own home. He has a car, a refrigerator, and a radio—and by the time this editorial is published he has probably bought a television set.

Out of the \$4,380 income, \$1,300 is spent for food and alcoholic beverages. To break it down even further, only about \$65 a year is spent on alcoholic beverages. About \$600 a year is spent buying or renting a house. Buying a car and other transportation expenses run around \$500 a year, and recreation, reading and education takes \$350.

Clothing cost \$400 to \$550 a year, with the women of the family spending 50 per cent more than the men on wearing apparel. An estimated \$200 out of the family budget goes for insurance.

As a matter of fact, what the statistics really revealed was the fact that the average city families spent \$350 more than it had coming in 1950. Now the question that comes to our mind is just where did the average American family learn about deficit financing?

Resistance To Mandatory Retirement

There are many men who have reached the mandatory retirement age of 65, many women who have reached age 60, who do not wish to retire. This growing resistance to mandatory retirement became stronger with the announcement that the cost of living has risen to a new high.

Compulsory retirement at fixed ages is much less attractive with the cost of living at 190.8 per cent of the 1935-1930 average. With the cost of living more than 12 per cent higher than it was before the Korean war started, many workers eligible to retire would prefer to keep working rather than retire on pensions with little purchasing power.

A recent study of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company revealed that "at the older ages—particularly after 65 years—employment falls off; nevertheless, at ages 65-69 close to 56 per cent of all men are still working, and nearly 3 per cent are looking for work" and further revealed that "even at 70-74 years almost 40 per cent are in some gainful activity."

It is difficult to select any mandatory retirement age because there are bound to be individuals who are mentally alert and physically active after reaching that age. At the same time there will be others who should retire before reaching the selected age. Another thing that adds to the problem is that ever increasing life span.

Practically everyone that we know would like to be in a position to stop working and retire when he reaches a certain age, if he then elects to do so. A great many individuals who have passed the so-called retirement age continue to work, however, although they do not need the money. Work, it seems, can be a source of happiness, and under normal conditions it seems a pity to deprive anyone of a job well done, a contribution to well-being of society.

Machine That Reads Aloud

Dr. Walter Blum, electrical engineer of Hanover, Germany, has invented a machine that will read aloud to the blind. This report was made to the World Veterans Foundation by Edgar Joubert.

On the battlefield in North Africa, a friend near Dr. Blum at the front was seriously wounded and lost his sight. The inspiration for his invention came from this incident.

The invention is still in the experimental stage and it has been estimated that it will take at least three years and \$100,000 before manufacturing on a large scale is possible. It is hoped that this mechanical reader can be produced for less than \$300 apiece.

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Under and by virtue of an order of the Superior Court of Perquimans County made in that proceeding entitled Nathan Turner, Administrator of the Estate of Elvira Nixon vs. George W. Nixon et al the undersigned Commissioners will, on the 6th day of September, 1952, at 11:30 A. M., at the Court House door in Hertford, North Carolina, offered for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the following tract of land lying and being in New Hope Township, Perquimans County, North Carolina and described as follows:

First Tract: Situate on the northwest side of the road leading from New Hope to the Sound, bounded on the J. Skinner tract and the public road aforesaid; on the south by the said road and the William Hoffer tract; on the west by the William Umphlett and the Sawyer tract; on the northeast by the R. Webb tract; on the east and southeast by the H. Onley tract and the W. Hoffer tract; and on the south or southwest by the New Hope to the Sound; containing 43.2 acres.

Second Tract: Situate on the northwest side of Morgan's Mill Road, containing 29.55 acres of woodland, bounded on the north by Morgan's aforesaid public road leading from Mill Creek and the Perry Tract; on the east by the said Perry tract and the Morgan's Mill Road leading from the Boy Scout Camp to New Hope; on the south by the said road and the Hurdle tract; on the west by the said Hurdle tract and Morgan's Mill Creek.

Third Tract: Situate on the northwest side of the road leading from the River to New Hope, containing 19.05 acres of woodland, bounded on the north by the W. Webb tract and the J. Skinner tract; on the east by the Hoffer tract and the W. Webb tract.

The aforesaid three tracts being delineated on the map of T. J. Jasper registered surveyor, dated November 12th, 1947, reference to which is hereby made for more complete description.

A deposit of ten per cent will be required of the successful bidder.

The said sale will be subject to confirmation by the Court.

Dated and posted this 13th day of August, 1952.

W. H. OAKLEY, JR.
C. W. JONES
J. H. LEROY
Commissioners.

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Mary Saunders Weds George E. Parrish

The marriage of Miss Mary Esther Saunders, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Saunders to George Edward Parrish, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Parrish took place August 9, at 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon in the People's Methodist Church. The double wedding ceremony was performed by the Rev. D. B. Cruise, pastor.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. She wore a ballerina length wedding gown of cloud white nylon tulle over taffeta with a shoulder length veil and a purple-throated orchid.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Nixon of Rocky Hock were the honor attendants.

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Peanut Supply in Excess Of Last Year

Farm Bureau Executive Vice-President R. Flake Shaw, of Greensboro, says that the total supply of peanuts on hand at this time is substantially in excess of last year, and called on farm leaders in the North Carolina and Virginia peanut-producing counties to make arrangements at once to provide adequate storage facilities for this year's crop.

Shaw said the total consumption of shelled peanuts, including oil stocks for crushing, totaled 699 million pounds through July of this year. "This is about 29 per cent less than the consumption of 982 million pounds at the end of July last year," he added.

The Farm Bureau chief pointed out that information released by the various crop reporting services indicates a somewhat smaller peanut yield in the southeast and southwest growing areas this year due to recent drought conditions. "This information may be misleading because it neglects to mention the large stocks of peanuts on hand and gives the farmer the impression that a short crop will increase the market demand," he said.

Shaw said under the arrangements for handling this year's peanut crop,

the buyers would not be bound to any support principle, and unless the farmer is in a position to protect himself, he may have to sell his crop for considerably less than the support price.

He urged all leaders in the peanut counties of North Carolina and Virginia to meet with producers and members of the Production and Marketing Administration Committee for the purpose of determining the avail-

ability of existing and potential facilities for both on-the-farm and off-the-farm storage.

Shaw said that storage facilities must be approved by PMA before producers would be permitted to participate in the loan program.

RECEIVES DEGREE

Howard Broughton was among the students awarded degrees by the University of North Carolina at exer-

cises held last week. Broughton, a graduate of Perquimans High School, received a B. S. degree in Business Administration.

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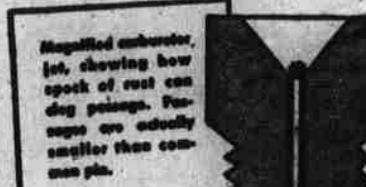
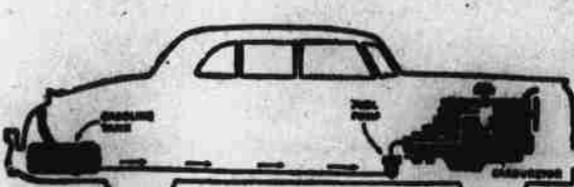
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