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MOTHER'S DAY

WE ARE coming again to the observance of Mothers' Day, when our throats turn more especially to the one whom, of all living human beings, we owe the most—the one whose love is never failing and who never knew too great a sacrifice, when the happiness and welfare of her children are concerned.

Mother's Day is observed on the second Sunday in May, this year falling on the eleventh, when every one who wants to do homage to motherhood will wear a bright flower for the mother living; a white flower for the mother dead. The carnation is favored over all flowers.

Mother's Day was originated by Miss Anna Jarvis of Philadelphia, who founded the Mothers' Day International Association, and the sixty-third congress passed a resolution fixing the second Sunday in May Mothers' Day and making it the duty of the president to proclaim it.

The late President Wilson issued the first Mothers' Day proclamation in 1914. States also have given recognition to the day. In 1913 Nebraska designated Mothers' Day as a state flag day; in the same year Pennsylvania made Mothers' Day a state holiday and since 1912 governors of Texas have annually pardoned deserving inmates of prisons on Mothers' Day.

The original idea of Mother's Day embraced the simultaneous observance in every part of the world of the days as an acknowledgment of the love and reverence all men and women owe to their mothers.

In addition to the wearing of flowers as tribute to their mothers, those whose mothers are living, but from whom they are separated, are urged by the promoters of the observance to visit or write them upon Mothers' Day.

Though we stress the second Sunday in May as Mothers' Day, it really should be every day in the year, for it is a background in every heart. The love felt by a mother for her children and by her children for her are things apart. They are proved by service and sacrifice, not by words. They need no special emphasis.

HONESTY IN TAXES

EVERYBODY pays taxes.

We may not own a bit of land or a house. We may not have a penny in the bank, or even a War savings Stamp left over from the war.

But we pay taxes just as surely as if we owned town houses, country homes and broad acres of farm land, stocks and bonds, bank accounts, mills, factories or railroads.

We all have to eat or starve to death. If the owner of the property in which the grocer has his store has to pay higher taxes, the grocer has to pay higher rent and we have to pay the grocer higher prices for our food.

We all have to sleep if we want to live. If the person who owns the house where we live has to pay higher taxes, then we have to pay higher rent, of course.

If the railroads have to pay higher taxes, they have to charge higher rates to haul everything we consume, and naturally, the increase is tacked in to the paying end—that's where the ultimate consumer hooks on.

Out of every eight dollars of our national income, one dollar goes for taxes, federal, state and local.

This means that the boy whose expenses are eight dollars a week pays one dollar in taxes in the form of prices made higher by taxation.

The same ratio prevails, regardless of the cost of living, though you may not own a dollar's worth of taxable property.

When it comes to dealing with the question of taxes, we need to be more honest with ourselves.

We need to understand that we can not continue to load on overhead and not have our pocketbooks feel it.

Governments are like individuals. The only way they can economize is to spend less money. As long as people clamor for legislation to cure this or that fancied evil, just so long will taxes continue to be high and in some cases oppressive.

CALANDERS AND VARIETY

PROF. Charles F. Marvin, chief of the United States Weather Bureau, Washington, D. C., has what he terms an improvement over the Gregorian calendar, but some may disagree over its being an improvement.

The new calendar would extend the old one, having thirteen months to the year, four weeks to a month and the last day each week being Sunday. An extra day, each year would be a national holiday.

Sunday would never be anything but the first, eighth, fifteenth or twenty-second and Monday would always be the second, ninth, sixteenth and twenty third and so on thru the week.

Can you imagine anything more monotonous than a calendar that would make it impossible to forget the day of the month?

Can you imagine a calendar that would always make the Fourth of July on Wednesday and Christmas also on Wednesday, completely remove the date we have set aside for the observance of Memorial Day?

We believe we'll take our Fourth and Christmas on different days of the week, for the sake of variety, and that we like a month now and then with an uneven number of days in it so that it will still be possible for us to be mistaken about a date.

The powers that may be, may standardize our food, our appetites, our money, our fashions or what-not, but we ask them kindly to leave our calendar alone.

The new calendar would run to the year 17,600.

which would be plenty far enough, but in view of the way the Gregorian calendar has weathered these many years, we would like to vote for it—that is, providing some one of our well known magazine conducts a nation-wide poll on the subject.

VICIOUS LAW ENFORCEMENT

NOTHING is doing more to discredit prohibition in this country than the violent and improper procedure of men representing the enforcement laws or professing to do so. In several states there has grown up a great and scandalous traffic in fines under the authority of justices of the peace. Men of dubious character, many of them with criminal records, are commissioned as enforcement officers, dragging offenders into court even outside their proper jurisdiction and sharing in the big fines imposed by the justices.

No tears need be shed for genuine offenders against the dry laws. They deserve whatever punishment they get. There have been hundreds of cases, however, of men and women arrested and fined without authority and without legal or moral cause. There have been hundreds of cases, too, of citizens having their houses ransacked, their furniture broken and their families frightened and insulted when there was no liquor in the house and they had never offended against the liquor laws. Instances are on record of raids being made merely for spite. There are many instances, too, of constables or deputies taking liquor discovered in their raids and using it themselves, or selling it, or sharing it with the justices in whose names they operate.

The most populous county in Ohio is just now upset by a big scandal of this kind. The evil is found, in some form or other, in scores of cities throughout the country. If people are to respect the dry laws at all, those laws must be honestly administered, by honest and decent officials.

GRADE CROSSING PSYCHOLOGY

WHEN ill people will spend weeks or months in bed and money for doctors, nurses and medicine, with the hope of saving their life.

But, judging from the number of grade accidents, many of them place their life in imminent peril by dashing across the track in front of a fast-moving train, and even into the train rather than spend ten seconds waiting for the train to pass.

The psychology of this is not easily discernible. It is evident, however, that not grade crossings, but carelessness in effecting a crossing is the seat of trouble.

Many devices have been installed for protection of public at grade crossings but the most effective safeguard is for drivers of autos to stop, look and listen.

North Carolina enacted a law requiring autos to stop before crossing and in six months with this law in effect, in spite of increase in registered autos, grade crossing casualties on the principal railway system of that state were reduced 50 per cent, fatalities being 4 instead of 8, injuries 11 instead of 22.

When it is considered that such a law is intended to safeguard the drivers of autos against injury or death at crossings, it would seem that they, above all others, should favor its enactment.

If the "stop law" effects such a reduction in North Carolina, how much greater would be the saving of life from passage of similar law in all states.

SPADING TIME

THE incentive of war production and the urge of post-war prices alike having passed, not so much will be heard of the vacant lot gardens this spring. Patriotism and thrift no longer spur as once they did.

Nevertheless, there will be much spading and planting in the next few weeks in soil that, before the war, was given over to weeds. A multitude learned during the vogue-of-the-backyard garden that the effort is repaid many fold. Not a few who took to garden making for their country's sake, or for the garden's sake, will sow and pluck again this year for their own sake. It is not only profitable but full of pleasure, health and recreation.

Of course, we do not all find joy in the home garden. But the man who loves the feel of the soil and finds philosophy in the miracle of life and growth, quickly becomes an addict. He may not talk so much about it as in recent days of enthusiasm, but will hoe his row in contemplative contentment just the same.

Not all good citizens are home gardeners, but most home gardeners are good citizens. This is no bull.

If there are any dead men senate investigating committees haven't heard of, it is probable the investigators would like to have their last known address, in order to determine whether they ever were offered a job in the cabinet, ever made a campaign contribution or divided any "profits" from the sale of liquor.

The difference in the cost of living, as compared with the days before the war, just about represents the difference between the cost of a golf outfit and a pair of overalls to work in the garden.

School officials of an Indiana county have ruled that teachers with bobbed hair will not be employed next fall. But perhaps they will not want to be, if they continue to wear their hair short.

A New York criminal lawyer talked two burglars out of \$4,000 worth of valuables he caught them taking from his home. Think how many he has talked out of the penitentiary.

The United States senate has passed a bill declaring the air to be the "inalienable possession of the people." But some people seem to have an over-abundant supply.

A Russian airman proposes to plant the red flag on the north pole not later than September. We always thought the north pole had a brighter future than that.

If Uncle Sam were as slow collecting income tax as he is in collecting from his foreign debtors, none of us would need to worry about tax reductions.

A man generally excuses himself with the thought that it was "just a bad investment," but thinks his wife's loss is due to a "woman's lack of judgment."

The difference between a lawyer and an attorney depends upon how large a fee you can afford to pay.

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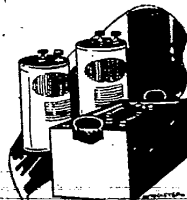
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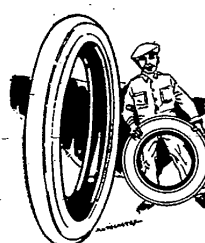
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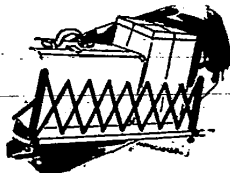
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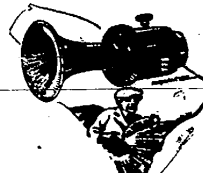


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Worn tires, which have been subjected to rough winter uses, go quickly during the warm days of spring, and "blow" when warmed up on concrete running.

Do not be stalled miles from home—all through the lack of a little foresight now in going over your automobile and equipping or replacing supply parts.

PARKER'S GARAGE

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