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OUR KEYNOTE:  
"If There is Not a Way, Cut a Way."

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## Diamonds at Home

MANY people have heard and scores of others have read, "Acres of Diamonds," a lecture delivered thousands of times by Russell H. Conwell.

It is founded upon the incident of the restless man who dreamed of riches in a land afar off; who sold his farm and searched the world for riches, only to die a lonely, unattended pauper in a far-away land.

The children of the man who bought his farm, while playing in the garden one day, found pretty stones, which their father discovered were diamonds, and there were actually "acres of diamonds"—fabulous wealth—on the farm the first man had sold and abandoned in order to search for riches he imagined existed elsewhere.

But the man who couldn't see his "acres of diamonds" was typically human. The grass in our neighbor's yard is always greener; his flowers bloom more beautifully; he seems to get along so much more easily than we; in sum, he has all the good luck and we have all of the misfortune.

Isn't it about time that we begin to search for our "acres of diamonds?" Take stock of our many advantages, make the most of them and discount our disadvantages and be rid of them.

Neighboring communities have things we haven't. But we in turn have priceless possessions that they do not have.

The buyer of the farm with "acres of diamonds" did not leave the gems in the ground. Once discovered, he mined them, of course, and cashed in on his discovery.

Every community possesses its "acres of diamonds." The progress of each depends upon the ingenuity of the people in discovering them, mining them and selling them.

A fool and his money are soon parted.

## Fruits and Fakers

DUE to the clamor of demagogues, the names, addresses and amount of tax paid by income federal taxpayers are to be published.

Just what will be accomplished by this "reform" no one has attempted to explain with any degree of success.

But as a backward movement, it accomplishes much, because it is fruit for the dealers in fake stock and tax-exempt securities.

Published lists of this character will expose citizens to the annoyance of peddlers who claim to have a sure thing, the only sure thing about which is that the buyer will be soaked.

The continuance of tax-exempt securities has the effect of stimulating municipal, county and state improvement bonds, which add to the tax burden.

The publicity feature will increase the labor of the revenue bureau and postoffice and the taxpayers pay the bills.

In the past nine years more than one hundred thousand federal officials have been added to the pay-rolls, increasing the cost of government \$195,591,000. And here is another fattened calf for the federal office holder to slay and devour.

The impetus of such legislation will be felt in every political division of the United States. Add to this the violation of the rights of citizens whose income tax is strictly his own private affair.

This is vicious legislation and should never have been placed on the statute book.

## Civic Pride

A MAN driving thru Andover a few days ago in an automobile tossed a newspaper from his car into the street.

A housewife opened a can of vegetables and the empty can found its way into the alley.

A young man and woman wandered aimlessly down the street engrossed in themselves and the candy they were eating and the box was dropped on the sidewalk.

A farmer's horse lost a shoe in the street and a passerby, afraid of a puncture, picked it up and threw it into a vacant lot.

A convivial spirit in a secluded spot up the alley swallowed his last drink and dropped the bottle where he stood.

And so it goes on from day to day, year to year, and has been going on for many years.

A discarded article thrown down here, another there, something somewhere, but always something that adds to the rubbish which clutters up the streets and alleys and makes the landscape less attractive.

It is pure thoughtlessness—nothing else. But the continued practice of these sort of habits on the part of a majority of the people would soon make a deserted heap out of any community.

Stop and think before you do anything that will detract from the attractive and cleanly appearance of Andover.

## Going to College

MOST boys and girls who were graduated from high school last spring have decided by this time whether they will continue their education by going to some liberal arts college or technical school.

It is a critical time in the life of every young person—the period when they realize for the first time that there are problems outside of school books, and the decision they reach now will have a very great influence on their life.

What the high school graduate does this summer determines what kind of a citizen he will be—whether he decides to go to college, enter a trade or just drift along without trying to get additional training to make himself more capable, his life purposeless.

Giving a boy or girl four years of education means to many parents considerable of a sacrifice and the loss of the companionship and help of their children, but in most cases, if that sacrifice is made now, the future years will be richer for both parents and children in every way.

Thousands upon thousands of high school graduates are lost to further education because not enough interest is taken in them and in their welfare.

President Coolidge recently said that the foundation of popular government is laid upon a sufficiently trained and enlightened intelligence, and that the real creative ability that develops the country is supplied by the genius of the people and not by the government.

How closely education is connected with the cultivation of the national genius is shown by the fact that one person in every four in the United States is directly concerned with education, either as teacher, student or administrator.

Aside from the personal benefit obtained, every young man and woman should seek knowledge so as to be better able to function as citizens of the United States.

Ignorance is an economic and moral waste and education is the only means of breaking the power of evil and liberating the spirit of truth.

A motion picture camera has been invented that can make 5,000 exposures a second, which is almost as fast as a senate investigating committee can work.

## Carelessness and Fires

FOUR-FIFTHS of the fires each year are man-made. All of them might be prevented by the ordinary exercise of care.

Just now it is especially imperative that every precaution be taken to avoid starting fires, because the dry season of the year is here and the danger of heavy loss is increased many fold.

Careless campers are the worst offenders. Fires left burning in the woods or lighted cigars and cigarette stubs tossed into the brush last season burned more timberland than was cut by all sawmills in the country during the whole year.

More forests are burned each year than are regrown and millions of dollars of property loss are the direct result of carelessness.

Fires in rural sections are much more hazardous because of the lack of fire fighting facilities, and campers and picnickers should be especially cautious with fire.

When farmers permit the use of their land for camping and picnic parties, it is nothing more than right that those enjoying the farmer's hospitality should take every precaution to avoid destroying his property.

If everybody would keep as busy as the average dollar bill, we wouldn't have anything to worry about in this country.

## Anything Might Happen

FARMERS of the middlewest have great crop prospects. In common with them, the farmers of Allegany county have a very rosy future.

But now and then the pessimist, who see no good in anything, dashes cold water on the predictions of those who are hoping for the best.

He suggests that an August drought might ruin this or that crop or that an early frost might reduce the yield of some crop below the point where it would not pay.

Of course, a circus might come to town and the elephants might break loose and ruin every crop in sight.

Or there might be a cyclone that would take all of the farmers' profits for the year.

And again the insects might move in by the millions and strip the land of all vegetation.

There is no end of things that might happen. But until they happen, why worry about them?

The world might come to an end tomorrow, but no one with good sense is predicting that it will.

We should all be happy over the fact that the American farmer is coming back and not worry over possible misfortune of the future.

Our idea of a tightwad is a man who will reprimand his son for buying an all-day sucker at one o'clock in the afternoon.

## Weeds is Weeds

"PIGS is pigs" is an old expressive phrase full of meaning. Pigs are just plain pigs, and nothing more can be made of them.

By the same token, "weeds is weeds." They are unsightly, injurious and useless.

They grow faster and are more hardy than useful vegetation and their only purpose on earth is to torment man.

Some people exterminate them as they should an enemy. Others permit them to grow unhindered and allow them to damage ornamental plants, garden truck and farm products, and offset the effect of beautiful shrubbery and neatly kept lawns.

If people who permit weeds to grow on their premises do not have enough pride to keep them cut, there is a law which compels the property owner to act. Refusing to, the authorities will cut the weeds and charge the expense up in taxes.

The law has long since recognized that weeds are a nuisance because they are unsightly and a breeding place of disease, and people who persist in permitting them to flourish will have to abide by the consequences.

The temptation to name babies after presidents and rich relatives is irresistible.

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## RADIO HINTS

When head phones give off an uneven sound it means that one of the phones have changed in some way. The most common cause of this trouble is a loose diaphragm (which is the small metal disc) due to a loose ear cap. Tighten the caps.

A few small-sized clamp screws will be found mighty handy around the home workshop. They are invaluable for holding down a panel while it is being drilled. Nice assortments can be found in the ten-cent stores.

Testing "B" batteries, are delicate devices. Watch out against jarring the needle, which is set in tiny bearings.

A joint in your aerial or ground lead may be the reason why your set picks up so much "static." Remember that a joint which has been out in the air for six months or more will become badly corroded and a faulty contact will follow. To avoid this difficulty solder the joint. In the city a joint becomes oxidized quickly.

directly across the terminals. The size of the resulting spark is little if any indication of the battery's condition, and the short circuit that it causes is harmful. If this treatment is persisted in, the battery will be totally ruined. A hydrometer is the only testing instrument that should be used.

One stage of audio frequency will seldom make much difference. It is that second stage which has

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