

Bees to Pay Cost of Youth's Education

Student Has Four Million Working for Him.

EVANSTON, ILL.—Four million bees worked overtime last summer so that Ralph Lidge, 17-year-old Chicagoan, could study at Northwestern university this year. He will work his way through college by selling the ton or more of honey which they produce annually.

"I've been keeping bees for four or five years now," Lidge said. "It began as a hobby, but I realized that I could make money at it and expanded my apiary. I have 40 colonies now, with about 100,000 bees in each colony. I intend to start another 25 colonies next spring."

Lidge is a freshman in the college of liberal arts, taking a pre-medical course. He keeps his bees on a small farm on the outskirts of Chicago, and sells the honey both wholesale and retail. He reported that bee-keeping combines nicely with a college education, for during the winter the bees cluster in their hives and require no attention.

"In spring I investigate to see how the bees have come through the winter," he said. "I combine weak colonies or buy a few pounds of new bees, and check the whole group for disease. In summer I have to see that each colony has enough space for honey storage, and watch for swarming. In fall I pack straw around the hives so they will keep warm during the winter."

He added that, contrary to popular impression, bees sting their keepers at regular intervals unless they are handled very slowly and carefully. In fall, when they are cold and irritable, they will sting no matter how they are handled. He explained with stoic calm that after a certain number of stings the body builds an immunity to the bee-venom.

"Besides," he said, "bee stings are a recognized treatment for rheumatism."

Despite his stings, Lidge maintains that he has the sweetest part-time job of any undergraduate in the country. He admits that he is a little puzzled by one point—does he keep the bees or do they keep him?

Criminal Tactics Change But Little to Expert, 73

CLEVELAND.—Nothing new has occurred in the tactics of criminals in the last 43 years, observes 73-year-old George Koestle, superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification here, who is lamenting over a move to retire him because of his age.

"All through the 43 years I have served here, I haven't seen anything new in crime," said Koestle, who has studied backgrounds of some 80,000 criminals. "Each generation produces new criminals, but the crimes are the same."

Koestle, whose efforts have made Cleveland's identification bureau one of the nation's most efficient, blames "environment" for breeding thugs, murderers, burglars and other criminals. Homes where no definite line has been drawn between good and evil are at fault, he believes.

Possibly the dean of America's identification experts, Koestle is worried about legislation pending before the city council to retire all police and firemen at the age of 70. He has served under seven police chiefs and has turned down numerous promotions so that he could stay on the same job.

Gift of 35,857 Acres of Land Given Boy Scouts

TULSA, OKLA.—A gift from Mr. and Mrs. Waite Phillips of this city of 35,857 acres of land a few miles northwest of Cimarron, N. M., and \$50,000 to be used in improving and developing the land for camping purposes, has just been accepted by the executive board of the National Council, Boy Scouts of America.

The property is in the Rocky mountains, all above an elevation of 7,000 feet and rises in spots to at least 11,000 feet. It is the Kit Carson territory and the old Santa Fe trail passes through it. There are nine main canyons on the tract converging either at the Cimarron river or the main branch of the Ponil river, which later flows into the Cimarron.

Much of the property is virgin territory and under the careful management characteristic of Boy Scout camping those small parts which have been grazed recently will quickly be restored to their natural conditions.

Indian's Head Is Found Carved on Rock Cliff

GALLIPOLIS, OHIO.—The chiseled outline of an Indian's head and feather headdress have been discovered on a rock cliff at "Vander's Point," home of Homer W. Walter, president of the Gallipolis chamber of commerce.

The head came to light after rains had washed silt and moss away from the face of the rock. Evidence of a former Indian village which has been found in a nearby cave has yielded many arrow heads, stone axes and other stone tools.

The Ohio Archeological and Historical society will attempt to determine the authenticity of the head, it is said.

10,000 Plants On War Footing

Funds Will Be Asked to Prevent 'Bottleneck' in Production.

WASHINGTON.—Assistant Secretary of War Louis Johnson revealed that 10,000 industrial plants have been given "definite war schedules of production." However, he warned that 250 of these plants, on which armed forces must rely for 55 critical military items, cannot perform wartime tasks because of a shortage of funds. He said the war department would ask congress for special appropriation for "educational orders" to eliminate an industrial "bottleneck" which might prove disastrous in war.

Addressing a conference of army procurement experts, summoned here to discuss industrial mobilization, Johnson declared that the United States must be prepared to meet the needs of changing strategic situations, presumably meaning that attack might come from any or all quarters or that this country might be forced to carry the fight far from home.

7,300 Articles on List. "Our shopping list for items of war equipment includes 7,300 articles or processes of production," he said. "With your help, we have found production facilities in industry for practically all of them."

"In an emergency more than 99.25 per cent of our needs, industry, upon short notice, will be able to produce. Our bottleneck, however, is in that other three-fourths of 1 per cent, represented by 55 critical items so difficult of production, so different from ordinary peacetime needs, that industry will not be able to produce them in mass without some education."

"I want to assure you men in the field that we in the war department will not be satisfied until we have convinced the congress and the American people of the necessity for educational orders to industry for the manufacture of every one of our critical 55 items."

War Bureau's Objective. He outlined the immediate objectives of the war department as follows:

- 1. Establishment of standard types for all critical items and the completion of necessary drawings, specifications and manufacturing data for immediate use in an emergency.
- 2. Completion of current industrial surveys to develop thoroughly the industrial capacity of all procurement districts.
- 3. Preparation of allocated plants for their war schedules by means of current orders for production, educational orders and production plans.
- 4. Completion of the organization and the training of personnel required to expand peace procurement organizations to war strength.
- 5. Early completion of contract forms adequate for all anticipated war conditions and simple enough to be readily understandable both by industry and the war department.

Big Texas Ranch Forms County Minus PWA Aid

FORT WORTH.—Kenedy county, the stronghold of the King-Kleberg ranch empire, is one of three counties in the United States without a Public Works administration project, according to Regional PWA Director George M. Bull.

The county has a population of about 700, nearly all of whom are employees of the King ranch. The county has been in the national news twice in recent years, first when its landowners declined to permit a state highway inside its boundaries and second when two alleged game poachers, John and Luther Blanton, disappeared near the King ranch while hunting.

The state highway finally was authorized, but the Blanton mystery still is unsolved.

Of the United States' 3,071 counties and parishes, Kenedy and two others—Putnam county, Missouri, and Mathews county, Virginia—have no PWA project completed or allotted, Bull said.

California's Surety Fund Is Producing a Dividend

SAN FRANCISCO.—California's system of requiring employers to put money into a state fund to insure their workers against injury or death while in the performance of their duty is rapidly developing into "big business."

There is already \$17,000,000 in the fund and the state compensation fund this year declared a dividend of \$3,500,000.

Sun Bathers Bask on Top of Great Pyramid

CAIRO, EGYPT.—Sun bathing is extremely popular among winter visitors here. Even the Great Pyramid is not immune to devotees of this sport and the hardy visitor who is able and hardy enough to climb the Great Pyramid will frequently see groups of sun bathers basking on its top.

There is plenty of space and usually a pleasant desert breeze.

Family Buying Power Growing

Drop in Living Costs and Increase in Payrolls Responsible.

MINNEAPOLIS.—Family buying power in the United States is now running \$75,000,000 a month higher than last summer. The gain is due to a drop in living costs and a sharp autumn expansion in payrolls, according to a quarterly study of price and wage relationships by Northwestern National Life Insurance company.

A month's supply of food for an average U. S. family of four can be bought for almost a dollar less than last June; smaller savings in other sections of the family budget run the total reduction from June living costs to well over a dollar.

Gain in Buying Power.

At the same time expanding employment and payrolls have boosted the average family paycheck almost \$2, yielding a net gain of approximately \$3 more goods per month which the average family can buy today, compared with its situation last summer. Allowing for the unemployed, the net gain in total family purchasing power aggregates at least \$75,000,000 per month, the study states.

Judging from the rising trend of wholesale food prices in November, living costs are due to turn upward again, the survey notes. Payrolls are expanding also, however, with the holiday season just ahead, so that the gains in net buying power should be maintained over the near future, at least.

Charting the effects of price and wage changes on the average family's pocketbook, the study shows that a family earning and spending \$120 monthly at average wage and price levels of 1933, had to spend \$137.29 at October, 1938, price levels to maintain the same standard of living. Meanwhile, however, its average monthly paycheck had climbed to \$141.31.

At price levels of last June, the same family's monthly expenses figured \$138.43, a dollar higher, while its share of the smaller summer payrolls was \$139.50, almost \$2 less.

Drop in Food Prices.

Most of the saving on living costs shown since last summer is due to the drop in food prices. A month's supply of food for a family of four, purchased for \$30 at 1933 prices, cost \$36.20 for the same items in June, 1938, but only \$35.41 in October, 1938. A slight shading in rental rates and clothing prices accounts for the remainder.

Compared with October of last year, family buying power has recovered all the ground it lost in the depression then beginning. The average family paycheck is almost \$6 less than the October, 1937, figure of \$147.24, but monthly living expenses are down \$6 also, from \$143.49 as of a year ago. A month's supply of food cost \$38.36 at October, 1937, prices, \$3 more than the same items cost now.

Statistically, the report points out, the coming winter should show many gains over figures for last winter, which reflected severe depression conditions.

Long Idle English Land Producing Bountifully

LONDON.—Thousands of acres of land in England which have lain idle for more than a hundred years are now producing some of the best flax and wheat in the country.

Five years ago, J. W. Tomkins, with his brother and father, rented 5,500 acres of bracken covered land in the Peterborough district. With hard work and modern machinery they have succeeded in turning a wilderness into profitable fields and grazing land.

"There are millions of such acres in England lying absolutely idle," said Tomkins. "Anyone who cares to inspect them may see for himself how England could be made much more nearly self-supporting and could find work for thousands of men."

Rule of Three Credited For Prosperity of Town

HAPPY CAMP, CALIF.—This city insists it owes its present prosperity and happiness to the fact that it has always lived by the "rule of three."

It has three stage lines, three merchandise stores, three restaurants, three hotels, three wood yards, is installing its third bar, has three churches, and plans are under way for three dress shops and three gift shops. The only enterprises free from competition are the bakery, laundry and first-aid clinic.

Boy Preacher Years To Be Railroad Man

DAYTON, OHIO.—Eight-year-old Charles Jaynes, the nation's youngest ordained minister, thought it was "fun" marrying a Dayton couple. However, his serious advice is that "young lovers should get married and stay married."

Young Jaynes, a disciple of Aimee Semple McPherson, lives with his parents in Cleveland. His ambition is to be "a combination engineer, fireman and brakeman on a streamlined train."

Lights of New York

By L. L. STEVENSON

Meanderings and meditations: Those noontime sidewalk groups of the garment center . . . Out for a bit of sun . . . With the drone of power sewing machines still in their ears . . . The workers who transform the fashions of the moment into wearing apparel . . . and the product of whose fingers goes over the nation . . . Wouldn't do well down in the West Indies . . . Where a couple of flour sacks make a dress . . . Or a suit . . . Or the sail for a boat . . . The blast of a liner's whistle brought the tropics into my mind . . . Song sheet peddlers vying with razor blade sellers . . . Food odors exhaled by many restaurants . . . Bunches of bananas advertising a soft drink stand . . . But the bananas are merely paper . . . Can't report on the drink as I didn't investigate . . . Pretty young models ignoring the eyes that follow their every movement.

A legless woman propelling herself on a little cart through Forty-second street crowds . . . Bus passengers hurrying down the long ramp that leads to a station . . . Neon signs advertising wines and liquors . . . The raucous and monotonous chant of show barkers . . . Patrons filing into grind movie houses . . . The oldest show in town: the flea circus . . . Young women with roving eyes and extremely hard faces . . . A pitcher selling a radio gadget . . . Another, in overalls and gray flannel shirt, endeavoring to sell some device to a crowd of workmen . . . Three sandwich women in the block between Broadway and Sixth avenue . . . Sixth avenue looking more down-at-the-heel than ever . . . Because of subway digging . . . The hopeless expressions of boys staring at placards of employment agencies.

Fifth avenue crowds too impatient to wait for light changes . . . and clogging up traffic by mass formation . . . Eve Symington whose singing I've enjoyed ever since she started her career . . . Collegians in town for something or other . . . Won't be long now before the coonskin coat will again be common . . . Florists' windows all abloom with chrysanthemums . . . Helen Claire, the Cindy Lou of "Kiss the Boys Good-by" . . . and it probably won't be long now before Hollywood claims her . . . Mrs. Grover Whalen doing a bit of window shopping . . . Wish I could wear a silk hat as easily as her husband does . . . But then I don't own one of the things . . . If I did, I would have to hold it on my lap while riding in a taxi . . . unless I got one of those with a hole in the roof.

Brief-case-laden lawyers' clerks hurrying across Foley Square . . . On their way to the Supreme court building . . . Which once was gleaming white . . . But now is turning gray though its years are few . . . The atmosphere and not the life of New York the cause . . . The procession not entirely masculine . . . A number of women practicing law in New York . . . Shoe shine boys alert for business . . . Bob Davis back again from abroad . . . Wonder if he keeps a grip always packed . . . Mayor La Guardia hurrying into the City hall . . . The only time I've ever seen him not in a hurry was when he was performing a marriage ceremony.

A truckload of live poultry going down Broadway . . . A lot of Sunday dinners . . . Or banquet material . . . A blind fiddler playing, "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling" . . . and smiling as passersby hum a few bars . . . Though not many coins tinkle into his tin cup . . . Major Bowes getting into that big limousine of his . . . Maurice Evans who plays "Hamlet" hour after hour these nights . . . and excites audiences to shouts of "Bravo" . . . Ward Morehouse who, when he feels the urge, leaves Broadway for the great open spaces . . . and writes pieces about what he sees and hears.

Bustop eavesdropping: "She's so in love with him she's touching up her hair twice a week now."

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Canada and U. S. Reveal Declines in Death Rates

NEW YORK.—The populations of the United States and Canada not only are healthy but they are growing even healthier, insurance statistics reveal.

A survey for the first nine months of 1938, as compared with 1937, showed the following decreases:

- Influenza-pneumonia deaths, 34.5 per cent.
- Automobile fatalities, 16.3 per cent.
- Tuberculosis deaths, 10.2 per cent.
- Childbirth and maternity mortality, 10.1 per cent.
- Deaths from accidents other than automobiles, 7.4 per cent.
- Homicidal rate, 8.5 per cent.
- Cerebral hemorrhage death rate, 2.4 per cent.
- Mortality from kidney ailments, 3.6 per cent.

The survey also disclosed several cases where mortality rates were higher. These included a 2.1 per cent increase in cancer deaths; 10.7 in mortality resulting from diseases of the arteries; and a 4.5 per cent increase in the suicide rate.

Italy is now demanding the Island of Corsica and Tunis from France. Which indicates that for the moment Hitler is permitting Mussolini to carry the ball.

When former President Benes of Czechoslovakia teaches at Chicago University he can certainly reiterate George Washington's dictum that it doesn't pay to put your trust in alliances with foreign powers.

to make whiskers for all the Santa Clauses the New Deal can possibly use in the next century.

With things changing so rapidly in Asia and Europe this ought to be a banner year for the map-makers.

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