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You... You Pay The Bill

About three million, four-hundred civilian employees are still on the Federal payroll...

Well, then this 3,400,000 payroll patriots cost the taxpayers about Eight Billion Dollars each year in salaries and one billion more in travelling expenses...

There are about 140 million citizens of the United States including those now in uniform. Now, let us suppose you are the head of an average family...

Nine Billion Dollars divided by 140 million makes each individual's expenses to carry this swollen Federal payroll better than \$91.00 a year...

So, if you are an average American with a wife and three children, you MUST pay the federal government approximately Four Hundred and Fifty-five Dollars (\$455.00) each year just to help pay the federal payroll...

If some federal worker were to come to your home and tell YOU that YOU MUST PAY \$455.00 each year for their support, you'd want to know that each federal worker actually worked as many hours each day as you have to—instead of the estimated six hours a day which it is figured that the average federal payroll patriot works.

Remember, this \$455.00 is for federal salaries alone and does not begin to represent all the other government expenses which you as a taxpayer must pay.

Think it over, Mr. and Mrs. America. Isn't it about time the Administration cut out the Hamagane-shenanigans and began cutting down the number of payroll parasites from 3,400,000 to 1,200,000 which experts figure is more than enough workers to take care of all federal jobs?

Brave Men

The nation should not overlook the bravery of the men who flew over a thousand miles in China to parachute in the vicinity of prisoners of war camps in order to carry medical relief to prisoners of war.

This exploit of medical men, many of whom had not parachuted before, reflects great credit upon their entire organization. It is a feat which every American applauds.

HONESTY IS THE BEST POLITICAL: ALL HONEST politicians have profited by applying this truth—and the dishonest ones realize it, too, even though some of them may be behind prison bars.

"Politics" Unjustly Blamed

A recent survey of the postwar plans of servicemen, made by Fortune Magazine, reveals that an overwhelming majority listed "politics" as their pet aversion.

"The aversion to 'politics' is easily understandable. The word is a shipping-post for every fault and is used casually and loosely to explain whatever goes wrong.

An idea of what we have in mind is what follows every election and almost every appointment where the office is sought by a group of people. The losers, without exception, blame their failure on "politics" and join in the condemnation without any very clear concept of what they condemn.

The same word is used to explain the defeat of any legislative proposal, favored by the disgruntled speaker. Proponents of a measure which happens to be defeated glibly explain what happened by denouncing "politics."

The Census Bureau advises that the population of the United States has increased more than eight million in the last five years, now reaching the top figure of 130,382,000.

It is interesting to note that the rate of increase, despite the war, was nearly twice that of the preceding ten years. This about disposes of the theory that wars reduce populations and if there is any truth in the theory that the pressure of populations produced wars, we are in for more fighting.

PERHAPS OUR LANGUAGE IS CALLED the "mother tongue" because father never gets much chance to use it.

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What Price Victory



Happenings of Long Ago

50 YEARS AGO Oct. 3, 1895 "Saginaw is considerably torn up with sewer improvements and water tanks."

20 YEARS AGO Oct. 2, 1925 "Because a controversy has come up in the village during the past two weeks relative to building a house on a small lot, President Shain and commissioner Birmingham and Bell Monday night passed a resolution which will govern the minimum size of any building lot in Birmingham."

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STATE OF MICHIGAN—The Probate Court for the County of Oakland. At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 13th day of September, A. D. 1945.

Present, Honorable Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate. In the Matter of the Estate of Herman H. Hamilton, deceased, of said deceased, having filed a petition praying that the said Court be admitted to Probate as the last will and testament of said deceased, and administration of said estate be granted to the said petitioner, and named said will or to some other suitable person. It is Ordered, That the eighth day of October, A. D. 1945 at 9 o'clock, in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, is hereby appointed for hearing said petition.

It is Further Ordered, That public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy hereof for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Birmingham Eccentric newspaper, printed and circulated in said County. The said petitioner cause a copy of this notice to be served personally on or by delivery of the known receipt demanded, to each of the devisees of law, whose address at least on date prior to said day of hearing.

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People's Column

DEAR SIRS: I would like to take this way of thanking Mrs. Upmeyer and the Community House for finding me such a fine maid and gardener during my recent illness. I don't know how I could live without the Community House. MRS. FAILE B. WILSON.

NOTICE OF FORFEITURE To: JOHN A. GILLIS and ELLA R. GILLIS, his wife. You and each of you are hereby notified that a land contract entered into between Elizabeth Lake Estates and Michigan Corporation as seller, and John A. Gillis and Ella R. Gillis, his wife as Purchasers, is in default for non-payment of installments of principal and interest due thereunder, and taxes on the premises covered thereby, paid by the Seller.

You and each of you are hereby notified that the Seller elected to And View heretofore and heretofore forfeited. You are further notified in full, satisfied and discharged of said contract, the same being delivered as follows: Lot 177 of Elizabeth Lake Estates Subdivision No. 2, being part of the SW 1/4 of Section 29, and part of the NE 1/4 of Section 24, Town 2 North, Range 1 East, Township of Waterford, Oakland County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 45 of Plats, page 14, Oakland County Records.

Witness my hand and seal, this 28th day of September, 1945. ELIZABETH LAKE ESTATES, a Michigan Corporation. By: Forbes S. Hasall, Its Attorney. 27-28-29

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You and each of you are hereby notified that the Seller elected to And View heretofore and heretofore forfeited. You are further notified in full, satisfied and discharged of said contract, the same being delivered as follows: Lot 114 of Elizabeth Lake Estates Subdivision No. 2, being part of the SW 1/4 of Section 29, and part of the NE 1/4 of Section 24, Town 2 North, Range 1 East, Township of Waterford, Oakland County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 45 of Plats, page 14, Oakland County Records.

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