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MAIN STREET
WHITTLINGS

If you were 60 years or more of age, and were given \$200 to spend, with instructions that it must be spent within 30 days, when you'd receive another \$200, what would you do?

Since a copy of the Old Age Revolving Pension plan of Dr. F. E. Townsend, M. D., of California, has been going the rounds here in Syracuse, much discussion has been going on in this office and elsewhere—the chief topic heard being, what would so-and-so do if he, or she, had that much money to spend every month? The answer usually being that everyone who had worked and slaved and saved would just naturally pass out decreasing the population.

Dr. Townsend's plan, suggested last January is:

Have the national government enact legislation to the effect that all citizens of the United States, man or woman, over the age of 60 years may retire on a pension of \$200 per month on the following conditions:

1. That they engage in no further labor, profession or business for gain.

2. That their past life is free from habitual criminality.

3. That they take the oath to, and actually do, spend within the confines of the United States the entire amount of their pension within 30 days after receiving same.

Have the national government create the revolving fund by levying a general sales tax with the rate just high enough to produce the amount necessary to keep the Old Age Revolving Pension fund adequate to pay the monthly pensions.

Have the act so drawn that such sales tax can only be used for the Old Age Revolving Pension fund.

According to statistics accompanying the plan, only 8 per cent in the country achieve financial success by the time they are 60 years of age. Approximately 8 million people will be eligible to apply for pensions. The estimate of \$200 a month per person would mean employment for at least one more person, and the retirement of the 8 million people from gainful pursuits would create jobs for 8 millions not yet 60 years of age—or the youth of the country just starting out.

It is estimated that there would be a flood of buying—with people trying to spend \$200 within 30 days. And that all parts of the country would be affected alike as that is one thing which happens in all parts of the country—people grow older and reach the age of 60.

The flood of buying of products would mean factories back at work, with higher wages being paid because fewer men would be available for the work.

The idea of a federal sales tax is suggested because it would be universal and affect all alike.

According to Dr. Townsend, crime is largely the result of lack of opportunity to provide the necessities of life through the sale of labor, and pensions would be a warning not to become criminal.

Another reason for this government old age pensioning is that there is no sure method of saving, and that humanity must be relieved of the fear of destitution and want.

Given wealth people would have time to write books, study the drama, philosophy, to build churches and schools.

According to Robert Quillen, newspaper columnist who is quoted in the booklet on the pension plan:

"Tourists in Denmark are surprised and puzzled by the number of people who seem content in poverty. They are happy because they are secure. They are pensioned by the state. Contented workers are the

only sure foundation of America's economic system."

Others, commenting on the plan have said: With the old age pension established, then not money, but character and personality will become the measuring rod of social standing in a community.

People are urged to write their Congressmen to vote for such a federal old age pension bill, and to form Townsend Clubs in their communities by conferring with the national headquarters at Long Beach Calif.

In addition to those who are 60, wondering how to spend that much money, it has been suggested that many among us not yet at that age might spend more, buy more, get money into circulation now, with a surety ahead that at 60 there would be no need for worry.

But the business man, farmer, professional men who gave up his work at the age of 60—would either give it up entirely, to obtain the pension, or do his work for nothing so as to obtain a sure month's income. Or if he were so interested in his work as to keep on with it, without receiving pay for his services how could anyone else get a chance to sell his abilities and services if someone else were giving his away? Unless that person would not ask for the pension.

It would just come to the place that "Life Would NOT Begin at Forty" as the book title states, but at 60, and many people would have to go in for golf or some other hobby to spend all that \$200. They might even have to throw the last \$25 to the wind on the 30th day of the month to be ready for the next check.

But if you were 60 and had that \$200 coming in—there's the monthly payment on a lot, a house, a car, a chauffeur employed to run car, a gardener to take care of lot, a maid to take care of the house—and demand for more legislation to increase the ante from \$200.

A difficulty suggested is, that those who are 60 might have their children moving home to live with them, on their old age pensions, instead of working—as it is thought this present poor relief dole system may have destroyed initiative and desire to make one's own way in the world.

Universal conscription of men, money, manufacturing, business and farms long advocated by the American Legion has received another impetus to its consummation. Lamont du Pont, president of E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Co., has made the recommendation for conscription of everything, to the special senate committee investigating the munitions industry. Du Pont de Nemours have made powder in this country since the revolutionary war, and the family has had the reputation of being intensely patriotic which can not be said of other munition manufacturers.

Mr. du Pont said that plans should be made now for universal conscription, not wait until this country is in war. He also said that this country must have adequate national defense. He explained that a strong, well armed United States would be the greatest guarantor of peace.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

The Journal is furnished with the following transfers of real estate by Houton C. Frazer, abstractor, Warsaw, Ind.

Wm. O. Nelson et al to Edwin M. Rowlett, lot 9 Kalorama, Tippecanoe Lake, \$1.

Geo. Milton Sawmiller to James G. and Edna Leford, lot 11 subd. 3, Papakeechee, \$1.

Bockman Bros. to Lawrence R. and Anna Willard, lot 36 block H. Epworth Forest, \$1.

Abram M. Burger to Irvin M. and Chloe E. Egger, part lot 109 Riley Memorial Beach, Ridinger Lake, \$300.

Wm. N. Crow to John H. and Martha A. Allway, 60x150 ft tract in section 14, on Wawasee Lake, \$1.

W. E. Rogers to Irl Edmund and Maude L. Keal, lot 11 Barbee Villa, \$1.

A COOKIE FOR THE UNEXPECTED GUEST

Now that it is nearing the holiday season, the hostess may be called upon to furnish light refreshments for the unexpected guest, explained Miss Aneta Beadle, extension nutritionist, Purdue University.

A beverage may be prepared at a moment's notice, but a sweet is also needed. If some attractive cookies could be made in advance of the holiday season, that would keep fresh, what a help it would be to the hostess.

The following Honey Tea Cookies will be found to meet this need, and they will keep fresh for weeks if stored in a covered tin can or box:

Melt $\frac{1}{2}$ cup butter and stir into it 1 pound of honey, $\frac{1}{2}$ small grated nutmeg, and the grated rind of two small lemons. Stir all together over fire, until well mixed, cool and place in refrigerator for 14 hours. Add 2 cups of flour, or enough to make a soft dough, and 2 teaspoons baking powder. Roll lightly to $\frac{1}{4}$ inch thick, cut into desired shapes, sprinkle tops with chopped nuts, candied cherries, or colored sugar. Bake at 400 degrees F. Serve with tea or supper.

Local Happenings

Mrs. J. H. Bowser is spending this week in Goschen.

The Past Chiefs Club met at the home of Mrs. Fred Self, Tuesday.

Mrs. Edgar Rippey of Goschen was the guest of Mrs. Ed Unruh, Sunday.

Dio Pensinger was called back to work at Dixon, Ill., this week.

Word has been received from Mr. and Mrs. Owen Strieby that they are now located in Miami, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Beach spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Bert Cripe.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Launer of Rochester and Mr. and Mrs. John Powell of Indianapolis spent Monday in Syracuse. Miss Esther Launer will live on in her mother's home on Harrison street, and Miss Eunice Steffen of Cromwell, who was with Mrs. Launer several weeks before her death, will stay with her.

Rev. J. A. Pettit and wife plan to go to New York City, leaving here Sunday, to meet Mrs. Pettit's brother, George Bill Smith, who will arrive in New York, from South America, Tuesday, Nov. 27. They plan to spend Thanksgiving with Mrs. Pettit's two aunts, who live in New York, and return to Syracuse where George Bill will enter High School.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Schleeter spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Pefley in Churubusco.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Darr are visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Skear in Fort Wayne for some time.

Mrs. Perry Foster returned home last Thursday after spending several days in Avilla.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert W. Douglas of South Bend spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Rowdabough.

Rev. and Mrs. J. S. Pritchard were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Noah Lehman in South Bend last evening.

Miss Birdella Pfingst from Buchanan, Mich., visited with her grandmother, Mrs. Ada L. Pfingst, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Bartholomew, Mrs. Millie Snobarger and son Orval spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Maloy in Angola.

Frank Ringler has moved to the Disher farm since Yoder's have moved from there to the Kirkland farm near Kimmel.

Mrs. Kenneth Mellinger and son returned home, Sunday, after two weeks visit with relatives in Elkhart.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Bartholomew left on Tuesday for Watford City, N. D., where they will spend the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Mart Long and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fackler were guests in the Dan Lingofelter home Sunday.

David Harrington and daughter, Mrs. Al Anderson of Wakarusa were guests at the Fred Hinderer home yesterday.

Mrs. Alice Darr, who is staying with her brother, Henry Whitmer, fell down the cellar stairs, Tuesday, but luckily broke no bones.

Floyd Brower and family entertained at Sunday dinner, Floyd Strieby and wife, Marie LeCount, George Strieby and Mrs. Ida Guy.

Miss Elizabeth Davis, who underwent an operation in the Goshen hospital last Thursday was brought home the following day, and her condition is reported as improving.

Jerry and Mitchell Hamman visited Aaron McClintic, Sunday, and Mrs. Mary Kohler. Mr. McClintic was recovering from his recent illness.

Buddy Xanders was brought home from the Elkhart hospital, Monday, and the stitches were removed from his side, and he is recovering from his appendectomy.

Billy Zimmerman, operated on

in October and who underwent a second operation in the Goshen hospital a little more than a week ago, because of an abscess, is getting along well.

Lyle Byland came from Detroit, where he works, in Charles Hess's car, Sunday, and brought with him Claude Inley, to spend the week end with his family here, and Marlington Mench, who had been in Detroit last week looking for work.

On their way from Bloomington, Ill., where they were married, to their future home in Benham, Ky., Dr. and Mrs. M. Jenkins spent Thursday night last week at the home of her father, Charles C. Bachman.

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