WHAT MAKES YOUR CAR RUN

The first American made automobile was produced by Charles and Frank Duryee in 1886. They called it a "buggyman" and it hopped along on a one-cylinder motor.

In 1891, Elwood Haynes worked out a design for a horseless buggy and the Apperson brothers built it in 1894. The year later the first American automobile race was held in Chicago. Duryee won with an average speed of 6.7 miles an hour over the 511 mile course.

Henry Ford came along with his first car in 1896. The Packard brothers introduced the first Packard in 1899 which was the same year the Stanley Steamer came out. By the turn of the century, patent applications were coming thick and fast from men who had ideas about improving these wonder wagons.

Henry Ford with his mass production methods was turning out 100 cars a day. The Model T brought out thousands of inventions by smaller manufacturers, devices to be used either as accessories or improved substitutes for various parts.

Soon there were a hundred manufacturers. Each year brought a "new look" in all automobiles. Signs of the horse and buggy era began to disappear with the advent of bumpers, shock absorbers, windshield wipers, balloon tires, improved motors, new body designs, electric starters, hydraulic brakes, shutterproof glass and countless other improvements.

Last year, PRR, the automobile industry in the United States produced

Proposed Health Insurance Reviewed

Do we want compulsory health insurance?

Most of us are totally unprepared to vote "yes" or "no" on this vital question when it comes before the American people.

For the purpose of stimulating interest in the issue, let's take a look at the health plans which have been suggested and which are now in Congress:

1. THE TRUMAN PLAN: Sponsored by Democratic Senators Murray, Wagner, Pepper, Chavez, Taylor, McGrath and Humphrey and by Representatives Dingell and Biemiller. It provides for compulsory health insurance on a basis suggesting complete care such as state medicine provides in Britain; health insurance, compulsory for nearly everybody, to start July 1, 1951. Workers, employers each pay 11/2% payroll tax on the first $4,800 of wages, medical care, at no additional cost, to include examinations, doctor's visits, limited dental treatment, 30 days hospitalization, home-morning laboratory, x-ray, ambulance service, expensive medicines, hearing aids, wheel chairs, eye glasses, and other special appliances.

2. THE TAFT PLAN: Sponsored by Republican Senators Taft, Dandan and Smith. This plan would call for compulsory insurance, not special tax. People unable to pay all costs of medical care are offered reduced medical aid free from State health agencies. Federal Government to split costs with States, up to certain limits. Federal subsidies for medical schools, free examinations of school children and free treatment of needy children, grants for local hospital construction, etc.

3. THE HILL PLAN: Sponsored by Senators Hill, O'Connor, Wister, Allen, Morse. Endowed, in substance, by many State medical associations. This plan would have State health agencies pay all or part of monthly premiums charged by voluntary health insurance plans, for people unable to meet costs. It would provide hospitalization and diagnostic service. General medical care, office calls, home nursing not included. Federal Government to split costs with States, and encourage expansion of State public health programs. No special taxes, all participation voluntary.

From this brief review of the three plans, we can see that the question regarding increased health insurance is one with which thinking people are concerned. Everyone, including senates, representatives and the American Medical Association, is agreed that we should do something about the situation. They disagree, however, on what method to adopt in order to provide adequate, effective medical care for millions of our people who need it.

The word compulsory is a word not loved by the American people. We like to feel that we make up our minds about matters which concern us as vitally as illness concerns us. That may be the chief reason for our being so hesitant about the Truman plan. But, forgetting the word compulsory with its unfavorable connotation, let's see what this plan would mean to Mr. John Q. Public.

If he is a wage earner, but not a clergyman or member of the armed forces, he is "in" whether he wants to be or not. But, forgetting the word compulsory, isn't he well taken care of? The boys take time out for refreshments while putting up the steel work at the Marshall Street Boiler House.

SAVAGE DEPARTMENT

Shaves and Saves

The Salvage Department at Brown Street is a gleaming example of the way a well-managed house should be run. Charlie Wilson, Foreman of the Department, once said "Show me your kitchen and I will tell you what the rest of your house looks like". Charlie has no apologies to offer for his own housekeeping nor for the results it shows in dollars and cents.

Prior to March, 1946, all rubbish from all plants was carried away by a dealer who was paid to cart it. Now the Salvage Department collects all rubbish and then combins it for whatever there may be in it worth saving. For what there is in it worth saving, we direct you to the Brown Street Salvage Department where you can see all kinds of things being scraped, melted, baked and packed for shipping. In other words, we are now paid for our salvage instead of having to pay to have it carried away.

The department is located in the second "barn" behind the main building. On the first floor, to your left, you see the room where Mr. Wilson holds forth while he is doing his accounting. The main room is where he, Herbert Hafner and John Senecal do much of the work that means good housekeeping at Sprague Electric.

You will see large barrels filled with metal scraps, bolts, wire and miscellaneous. It all looks alike to the casual observer, but that is a wrong impression. By the aid of a large magnet the tin is separated from the zinc, and the aluminum so that each barrel contains nothing but what it is supposed to contain, namely: copper, zinc, tin or aluminum. The reason for this meticulous sorting is that some metals bring more than others on the market and the barrels bring the price offered for the lowest priced metal contained in them.

Mr. Wilson studies the Waste Trade Journal for prices and knows exactly what the materials bring before he sells them.

One of the most interesting bits of saving is the solder which is collected from all soldering departments. As the solder drips to the floor, it forms streaked dripping molds. When the Salvage Department gets hold of it, the tin drippings are separated from the zinc drippings and melted in the melting pot. From there it is poured into square molds weighing eighteen pounds each. These molds are shipped back for making into soldering wire again. Another saving is in old wire which is torn out when lights are required or taken out for some reason. The wire is burned to remove all insolating material and the copper packed in barrels.

All coal and excess winds from all winding departments are salvaged. Upstairs, we found William Collier cutting the leftover foil from the spools and putting the spools into barrels for shipping. Every spool and every bit of foil is residual to come back to us in usable form. Corrugated paper, too, is flattened and saved. There is practically nothing you won't find in our "savings bank": steel, iron, copper, aluminum, zinc, tin, brass, wood, paper, rags and solder. The "rags" business booms there, too. The Salvage Department at wheels. Walt Maynard and John Pelkey collect daily from the plants.
be or not, even if he is not a citizen. When he or any of his family is ill, they are entitled to all medical attention, including home nursing, hospitalization up to 60 days in any one-year period, but not for tuberculosis, mental or nervous cases. He can choose his own doctor, provided the doctor is taking part in the government program and agrees to take John Q. as a patient and if he does not already have as many patients as the law permits him to have. John Q. can choose his hospital if the hospital is taking part in the government program and if the hospital has a bed for him.

If John Q. needs a specialist, he gets permission from his attending physician if he can not get permission, he can appeal to his local administrative officer who is paid by the government to handle such complaints. If John Q. gets a specialist who is not in the government plan, he will pay him at the rate charged by the private physician who has the right to live from private patients.

For these services, John Q. will have 1/3 of his wages deducted from his pay each week; his employer will pay his share. The government will pay the full cost of these services. The cost of more hospitals, doctors and nurses necessary to make any of these plans a reality must be met by the public.

The Truman Plan would cost an estimated 6 billion dollars a year in addition to the payroll deductions. Even the conservative Taft Plan would require an estimated 4 billion dollars a year because it puts tax money on the head of the state and Federal taxpayers. Thus, we can see that none of these plans provides free medical care. There is no such thing except as there is no free housing or free clothing. Some one has to pay the piper in each instance. In the case of compulsory health care, the doctor would be paid by the government who gets its money from us and me. That brings us back to the personal angle. Do we want to have our money spent for us by a government bureau under compulsory insurance or do we prefer to be covered as we are now by voluntary insurance which affords excellent benefits without robbing us of any of our free-dom.

It's a big question. We don't want to give up any of our rights as free citizens and, yet, we do want to be sure of receiving a great and more health coverage for millions of people who need it. The important thing is for us to think long and hard before we make up our minds. When we have made up our minds, we should let our congressmen and representatives know what we think. Then we will get what we want and not what some one else wants us to have.

Margaret Bruno of the Battery Department received $800.00 for her suggestion concerning the new method of pouring batteries.

Harry Haskell of Resistors was awarded $900.00 for his suggestion about welding tips.

SUGGESTION AWARDS

Published by the SPRAGUE ELECTRIC CO.
IS FOOD BEAUTY?

One of the most important factors in the development of what we actually are is food. While we know we have certain hereditary traits and certain atmospheric qualities, we know, too, that food determines, to a large extent, how we look.

Whole milk and buttermilk are skin beautifiers. Lean meat, eggs and cheese supply us with amino acids which help replace skin tissues that wear down every day. Foods containing iron build our blood which nourishes every part of our bodies. Liver and kidneys, apricots, prunes, figs, canned or dried; supply iron in goodly amounts. Grapefruit is a skin cleanser. Yeast is used for skin blisters. Rice, carrots, strengthen our nails and help correct split hair ends. Carrots are good for shining blondness, too, as any flyer will testify.

Automobile

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5,336,000 cars, including trucks. In March, 1949, passenger cars produced totaled 530,000, the highest monthly output since March, 1929.

The proper assumption is that the 8,000,000 inventions which have impossible the new automobile are also responsible for thousands of jobs. More than 6,500,000 people are employed in the automobile industry. Other millions are indirectly employed by concerns that serve the automobile industry.

When we drive our latest model car, let’s remember to be proud to live in a country which appreciates and encourages inventors who produce such vehicles.

MRS.: “It might do some good for wires to go on strike sometime.”

MR.: “Go right ahead! I’ve got a peach of a strike-breaker in mind.”

Automatic Rolling

By Glee-Choo

Vacation time is rolling around again, and is everyone happy! Larry Hove started the ball rolling by spending the hottest week of the year at home. Bill Pratt was next with an enjoyable week at home. Larry Roberts took the week of the Fourth in Canada. Joe Vitro plans a fishing trip on Lake Champlain and in Canada.

More reports on vacations next time.

Joe Rose of the St. Anthony Crushers pitched a two-hitter game against the Saints of Adams recently. It was a great victory for Joe who had overcome a severe-occed injury in a comeback try.

Screens are being made for all the windows up here to keep the evil invaders from attacking the second and third shifts. Quick the Filt! We wish a speedy recovery to the father of our Foreman, Norman Chenall.

Shipping Room — Marshall

Rome Perriault is back to work after enjoying a two weeks vacation. Did I say enjoy? Well, he spent the greater part of her vacation in a dentist’s chair. Robert Knox is all set for the hot weather. He came to work the other morning sporting a new hairdo (A Scrub).

Ernie Gregory has a new name. Everyone should have from four to eight glasses of water a day—that’s the advice of experienced nutritionists of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company.

Automobile

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Fourth of July Week End Trips:

Connecticut.

Bob Burdick made you think of Clark Gable with that pipe. Alice and Isabel have given up smoking and Donald helps them out by blowing smoke their way ever once in a while.

We hope everyone who can will give a pint of blood to the blood bank when it comes by in July. Remember an hour of your time may mean someone’s life.

Fourth of July Week End Trips:

Robert Knox spent the week end in Connecticut.

Cecile Trudeau went to Cape Cod for the holiday week end.

Sample Department

By M. Harvey and I. Hyndman

Vacation time has rolled around again and among the first to take their vacation is Rob Ricart. She is going to spend a week at Hampton Beach. We’ll let you know about the others later.

While everyone was suffering from the heat last week, Dick Moon got a free ice cold shower.

Mary Bernard worked at the Policemen’s Field Day celebration butting our notoce to all the children.

We see Hazel Carpenter has replaced that jeep with a new car. I doubt if this was a service-occed injury, in a comeback try.

We were sorry to hear about your brother’s illness, Nini. We wished you while you were out.

We’re glad to see your friend Joe is back in the Yankee lineup, Donald. Doesn’t Bob Burdick make you think of Clark Gable with that pipe?

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The laundry takes care of the cleaning rags, aprons, etc. et cetera.

Herbert Hafter with the melting pot which melts the discarded solder so it can be poured into molds.

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SPRAGUE ELECTRIC LOG

July 16, 1949
Misc. Paper Assembly

We wish you the best of luck in your new job in the Tabulating Department, Jane. We wish you luck in your new job in the payroll Department, Jane. We must apologize to Maud Waska's newest bride, Lucy Libardi. The week end in N. Y. They saw "Kiss Me Kate," went to a few radio shows, and from all reports they had a good time.

Dorothy Winchell.

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SPRAGUE DEFEATED BY ROWLEY MOTORS

Rowley Motors defeated Sprague's, 16-13, in their softball game last evening. King, opposed by Macksey on the hill, both teams batted hard. Macksey's batting featured for the winners. The summary:

Sprague's ab r h po a e
Carbone, ss 4 0 0 1 1 0
Racette, cf 2 0 0 0 0 0
Melchion, 3b 2 0 0 0 1 0
Sargent, cf 1 0 0 0 0 0
Fitzpatrick, c 3 0 0 1 2 0
Russell, If 3 0 0 0 0 0
Sargent, rf 2 1 1 0 0 0
Levone, rf 2 1 1 0 0 0
Sacco, cf 2 1 1 0 0 0

Totals. 31 10 16 21 6 6

Rowley: ab r h po a e
Johnstone, 3b 1 0 0 0 0 0
Hilton, If 2 0 0 0 0 0
Lilly, lb 2 0 0 0 0 0
King, p 4 0 0 1 1 1
Russel, If 3 0 0 0 0 0
Martin, 3b 2 2 2 0 0 0
Kroniek, lb 1 0 0 0 0 0
Nunes, 1b 2 0 0 0 0 0
Ensign, ss 2 0 0 0 0 0
Sacco, 2b 2 1 1 0 0 0
Bishop, ss 3 2 2 0 0 0
Macksey, If 2 1 2 0 3 0
Charon, c 4 2 2 1 0 0

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The summary:

SPRAGUE VICTOR OVER MOOSO OUTFIT

Sprague defeated the Moose, 4-3, in a softball game played at Noel field last evening. Macksey opposed Libardoni on the mound. Libardoni scored three runs in the fifth. Lavigne and Libardoni both plopped home runs. The summary:

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Carbone, ss 4 0 0 1 1 0
Racette, cf 2 0 0 0 0 0
Melchion, 3b 2 0 0 0 1 0
Sargent, cf 1 0 0 0 0 0
Fitzpatrick, c 3 0 0 1 2 0
Russell, If 3 0 0 0 0 0
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Johnstone, 3b 1 0 0 0 0 0
Hilton, If 2 0 0 0 0 0
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SPRINGFIELD TGQ SQUARE

In one week's time we had two new world's champions. Ezzard Charles, who was rated tops in the heavyweight division, gave the world a sensational fight against the mighty Marcel Cerdan. Although the fight took place in New York, the world's boxing fans did not recognize as such. Jake LaMotta, who was just defeated by Marcel Cerdan in the Middleweight division, won on a t.k.o. from Marcel Cerdan in the tenth round. Marcel Cerdan had hurt his arm in the first round. Ezzard Charles will meet the winner of the Cerdan-LaMotta fight. Ezzard is a king among the world's heavyweight champions.

The bout of the year was between Sugar Ray Robinson and Kid Galavin, for the welterweight crown, on July 11. Frank Banuelos, who lost the fight in doubt as to whom the laurels belong, Robinson won the unanimous verdict of the three officials. He was the referee and the judges all gave him the well-earned title.

The reason Sugar Ray was defeated in Texas was that he was signed to meet each opponent separately. The promoters in Texas thought that the opponent would be stopped and declared a draw. Maxie Cary, who was defeated by the immensely popular Rocky Marciano, has been defeated by the veteran of the game, Rocky Marciano in 10 rounds.

The Crusaders are, in our estimation, a little weaker this year and will find the going rough. However they have been working as a unit for the past two months and may appear the equal of the Massachusetts. The Saints of Adams have played very few games to date but have been至ghting very well. Former world middleweight champion, Joe Flanagan and Hank Serre have done an admirable job of preparing the Crusaders, and will furnish keen competition.

Many of the clubs will have a few high school and college players. A real human interest story comes out of one of the games played in the Northern Berkshire. It was the night when the St. Anthony Crusaders played the Saints of Adams. On the mound was a young man who to date has made quite a name in baseball circles as a promising pitcher. This fellow could also hit and his hard, well, like thousands of others, Uncle Sam called and he left for over seas. He was given the promise in his efforts on the hill, but in a few days all this was forgotten and he was shipped out. While in the European theatre he was wounded severely in the leg, and amputation through the spirit of this bit of news was obvious, and they rushed him to a hospital where he was not expected to survive. However, when he was shipped to the United States a month later, the doctors were elated. His name, as if all sports fans know, is Joe DiMaggio. He is now a living symbol of the American spirit, and will still play for his country. He is now a living symbol of the American spirit, and will still play for his country.

Henry Hall, who is in the light heavyweight class, was defeated in the semi-finals by Bob Satterfield in 4 rounds. Henry lost 4-2 in 1 round on a decision over Louis Calvache in 10 rounds.

Tony Peluso, in the bantamweight class, won an easy victory over Joe Martin and won the decision over Joe Peluso. In the lightweight class, Maxie Desena, who is rated third, accidently hurled his opponent, Keith Matiach in the first round. The bout was stopped and declared a draw. Maxie later fought Carlos Chavez who was rated seventh and won a 10-round decision.

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