

SPRINGTIME ALERT

No. 3

Soliciting household items for cleaning or repair is a big business today. Many reliable dry cleaning companies employ house to house solicitors, and the service they sell is an honest one. However, there also creeps in a few slickers that make their money by soliciting work from the houses along a street, and then re-selling the items in another area, or to second hand dealers.

How can you tell if a man is a reliable agent?

Easy enough, ask him who he represents, that you want to call them. If he is what he represents himself to be he will wait for you to call, if he is not he will rush away. Be glad he's gone.

There is always a lot of activity in the vacuum cleaner field. At present there is a lot of promoting regarding filter papers for cleaners, the type you throw away. But these are the most expensive kind you can buy. They do not filter and as a result your cleaner is overworked, the motor is working against back pressure created by the filter that does not allow free passage of air, and the result is damage to your motor. Whether you buy them or not is up to you. You know how many cleaner motors you can afford to buy.

Probably one of the most unromantic type of gyp is the phony septic tank specialist. In a rural area there is seldom a municipal sewer system, and each year the "honey tank" artists reap a harvest from

gullible householders who fall for his patter. He is usually a travelling outfit, no office, no phone, no way to get in touch with him after he has "touched" you. He usually looks at your system and after a small amount of talk says that he cleans tanks, so much a tank. The figure he quotes is small, and is a reasonable one. But... after the job is done you discover he did not mean so much per septic tank, he meant so much per tank on his truck, and it turns out that he has filled several from your one tank. You are then stuck with a sizeable bill instead of the reasonable amount you believed he would do the job for. When you are approached by one of these fellows, get his price, ask him to put it in writing that he will clean your septic tank for the amount he quoted you, and that that amount will constitute payment in full, and watch him run. His gimmick is the pitch... so much per tank. You have one tank, he has several. Make him write down and sign an agreement that his offer refers to one tank, the one you have in the ground, and after he refuses to do it, tell him to be on his way. If your tank actually needs cleaning look up the service in the yellow pages of the phone book. Tell the service what size tank you have, and ask for a written quote. Any reliable dealer in this service will be glad to oblige.

Gerald Haynes
Chief of Police

Parish, New York

(Ed Note:- This completes the series - we are grateful to Mr. Haynes.)

Thank You

The personnel of the Mexico Lumber and Coal Co., Inc. gratefully extend their appreciation to all members of the Mexico Fire Department, the Oswego County Mutual Aid Association, the Civilian Defense Police and all others whose quick actions averted a serious disaster — Our sincere Thanks.
Mexico Lumber Company
Employees

Fruit Spreads And Preserves

Rhubarb and strawberries will soon be in plentiful supply, followed rapidly as the season advances, by other fruits that make delicious spreads and preserves.

It matters not whether your family favorite is jelly, marmalade, jam, conserve, butter, or preserves. You'll find each of them discussed in the new Cornell Extension Bulletin 1060. There is an outline of the steps to follow in making any of the spreads or preserves, and better still, an explanation of the reason behind each recommendation.

There is also an introductory section which tells how to prepare the fruit, sterilize the jars, and properly store the finished product.

Wide mouthed canning or freezing jars, pints or half-pints, with covers are recommended for all fruit spreads and preserves. Should jelly glasses be preferred, paraffin may be used for sealing.

The new Extension Bulletin 1060 is free to residents of the State. It can be obtained by writing the Mailing Room, Stone Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York.

THE TAX TWIST



DON'T SAY WE DIDN'T WARN YOU

The warning word from Washington is that the Administration-backed bill for medical care under Social Security now "has a good chance of passage" this session.

This is a bad dose of medicine for all of you men and women now at work—for your tax increase would be up to \$25.25 each year.

Your money would be used to take care of those unable to pay their own bills—as well as those who are able to pay their obligations.

What the government do-gooders fail to point up is that MORE THAN HALF of those over 65 are ALREADY covered by their own health insurance policies—and this number is growing rapidly. ! !

Further, this bill comes up before the full effect of the Kerr-Mills Act has been felt. This is the legislation which takes care of a greater share of medical expenses, but only for those UNABLE to pay.

President Kennedy's own figures forecast that this new bill would cost about \$6 billion a year—all of which means further tax increases.

We suggest you relay this additional ammunition along to our representatives: No one has been able to prove that any large number of older people need medical care—or that they can't get it now.

Unmet Needs Conference, May 23

The Oswego Unmet Needs Conference will be held May 23rd in the Auditorium Main Building, State University College, Oswego at 8:45 p. m.

The Steering Committee of the OSWEGO COUNTY SURVEY has invited approximately 600 prominent people in the county, to participate in one of the most important ventures to be undertaken here in many years. We seek to find out: **What are the educational needs of Oswego County that are not now being met by the schools and other agencies of the County?** What could our schools do, either as now constituted, or as improved and expanded, to augment the opportunities of our young people, to increase the economic potential of our region, and to benefit the present and future generations of residents in this county?

The Committee believes that the most trustworthy answers to these questions can come, not from some outside expert who would come in and tell us what to do, but from the most perceptive and capable people of the county who live right

here. We do intend to employ experts at important phases of this survey. But the principal needs, we believe, must be identified by those who live right here and know our area best.

The main session for getting the ideas is one set for May 23rd. It will take just about 2½ hours. It will start with a large meeting in the Auditorium at State University College where the procedure will be explained in detail. After this short introductory session the participants will be divided into small discussion groups, each under a trained moderator whose principal task will be to get the ideas of each participant.

A report will be drawn up embodying all the ideas of those participating. This report will be available a few weeks after the conference and will be used as the basis for recommendations to residents of the county, to their school boards, and to the State.

The first meeting of the Group Moderators was held at 3:30 p. m. May 10th in the Auditorium Main Building, State University College, Oswego, New York.

Need More Ag Grads

Agricultural colleges are graduating only about a third of the men needed to fill jobs in agriculturally related fields. There are many openings in agricultural phases of research, business, industry, communications, education, conservation and services, according to educational authorities.

Among college enrollments today, agricultural colleges can claim only 1.5 percent of the total.

In 1948, according to Stanford Research Institute, about 46,000 students were taking ag courses. In 1959, though the

Fats Have The Flavor

Jack Sprat, the gentleman who purportedly could eat no fat, was really missing the taste of meat, according to a recent U. S. Department of Agriculture study. Like it or not, it's the fatty part that gives lamb, beef and pork their distinctive flavors.

USDA taste testers, all trained research service chemists, say that the "lean" has a "general meat flavor" while the fat in a steak makes it taste like its own expensive self.

number of job opportunities went up, only 32,000 were taking such courses.



SOCIAL SECURITY QUIZ

Question: How do clergymen get social security credit? Do their churches report them?

Answer:

Clergymen become covered by social security only upon electing to do so. April 15th this year will be the last day many of them can make this election. After that, such an election can be made only by the due date for income tax for the second work year after they became clergymen.

Their churches do not report them. Rather they report their own earnings as being self employed.

Question: Although I am continuing to practice my profession, I wonder whether I should file, somehow, for social security benefits. I am 72 and my wife is 68. I am a dentist.

Answer:

You should get in touch with your social security office (Post Office Building, Oswego, N.Y.) and file claims at once. You can draw your benefit for every month you are 72 or over, and when you are entitled to benefit, your wife might be too. In fact, it would be useful for every worker insured under social security to file claim as soon as he is 65, even though he continues to work.

Five County Regional Meeting

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Oswego To Have New Textile Plant

Oswego County will get another "shot in the arm" as Oswego bids welcome to Oswego Foundations, Inc., a new corporation, although its parent company, Primrose Foundations, Inc. has been in the ladies foundation garment business for twenty-five years in New York City, where existing operations will be continued.

Plans for the new building are being prepared by Syracuse architects, MacKnight and Kirmmuse, and a training program for commercial sewing machine operators is underway through a local training program being set up by Mr. Thomas Crabtree, Director of Adult and Vocational Education in Oswego, under the auspices of the Board of Educa-

tion. With an estimated yearly payroll of \$400,000.00 the new industry will not only provide work for idle people, but increased spending potential.

The new plant will be built by Operation Oswego and will be located on property previously owned by the City and County of Oswego and sold to Operation Oswego at a nominal figure. Every effort will be made to have the plant in production by December, according to Harold J. Thorpe, Operation Oswego President.

Mr. Isadore Itkowsky, President of the new company, has stated that considerable new equipment has been purchased and that he anticipates the hiring of 150 employees within the year.

Colgate Inn at Hamilton on Thursday, May 24th.

The Regional Conference as an affiliate of the State Conference provides opportunity for the exchange of ideas and experience, information and education, and a channel for participation by all individuals concerned with social welfare, public and private, lay and professional.

Among those attending from Oswego County are: John A. Davis, Commissioner; Robert R. Pickrell, Case Supervisor; David J. Hopkins, Assistant Case Supervisor, and several members of the investigating staff."

Teacher Key To Good Education

"The key to good education is a good teacher," Attorney General Louis J. Lefkowitz said last week. We cannot expect to have good teachers unless we provide the recompense commensurate with the essential services rendered and unless we provide good working conditions and give concrete recognition to the teacher as a member of an honored profession, he added.

Safety is as simple as ABC — Always Be Careful.