STUDENT LOAN FUNDS

Recently Congress made available the sum of $5,000,000 through the United States Office of Education for loans to needy college students. Application for such loans should be made directly to the college or university which the student is attending or proposes to attend. These funds are available only to students registered in colleges or universities which grant degrees and in courses which can be completed within a period of two years. This applies to courses in engineering, physics, chemistry, medicine and pharmacy. The student applicant must agree to engage in such employment or service or study as may be assigned by the War Manpower Commission. It must also be shown that students are in need of assistance. The maximum amount of loan which can be obtained is tuition plus $25.00 per month but in no case can the amount exceed $500. for any one student for a period of twelve months. The loan is evidenced by notes made payable to the Treasurer of the United States and bear interest at the return of 2% per cent.

THIS WAR CLOSES THE GREENBRIER

At White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia is located the celebrated Greenbrier Hotel where Japanese and German diplomats were interned after the outbreak of the war. The Greenbrier is one of the nation’s most celebrated hosteries embracing 7500 acres and with 750 guest rooms, quarters for a staff of 750 persons, 3 golf courses, a casino and other appurtenances. For period of 164 years the Greenbrier has been open for business without interruption. It has survived four wars. It failed however to survive the fifth conflict for on August 31st it closed its doors and will be taken over by the War Department as a base hospital for combat troops. The Greenbrier will probably never open again after the war ends because the trend is toward the smaller type of resort. Thus ends the career of a historic spot where history was made.

AQUAHOMES

An architect in Washington D.C. while reflecting upon the shortage of houses in various localities and upon the pressing need for cheap yet attractive living quarters has designed a house boat which would serve as a kind of permanent family dwelling. To this new creation he has given the name "Aquahome" or home on the water. It is a novel idea. In every section of the country where lakes or rivers are convenient, there have been house boats and shanty boats which provide permanent quarters for folks. Nobody has ever sought to capitalize the idea on a large scale until now. It would eliminate foundations, lot values and other factors which enter into housing costs. It would of course develop problems in sanitation which would have to have special treatment to prevent pollution of such waters.

HIS NIBS - THE UMAPS

Once upon a time, there was a brick-topped chap by the name of Purdy. He was a baseball player. Later he became an umpire and like all umpires, stood behind the plate and in that characteristic fashion, called balls, strikes, fouls and "You're Out." Recently, but in a somewhat different manner, he said "You're Out" and received $600 for the idea. Purdy holds a job in the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery in the Navy Department. In his supervisory capacity, he observed that by the use of a rubber stamp for endorsing communications, orders, bulletins and other administrative documents which clear his department, he could save a vast amount of work and eliminate 19 persons. So Purdy put the plan in action and it worked out in a satisfactory way. His reward was a $500 check for the suggestion plus a raise of $100 per year in pay. His suggestion saves a substantial sum for the taxpayers and so, when the former umps said "You're Out", he benched 19 employees in the interest of efficiency and economy.