

## Bonds Bought By Teachers Fund

The Texas Teacher Retirement System purchased \$1,125,000 worth of bonds in the Fifth War Loan drive. The system now has \$28,000,000 in bonds. Of this total, \$4,000,000 are in municipal bonds and \$24,000,000 are in government bonds.

Of this total of \$28,000,000, the amount is divided into various distributions: the teachers' saving fund, the state membership accumulation, the prior service annuity reserve, the interest fund, the membership annuity reserve fund, the expense fund, and the suspense fund. It is also noted that there has been no loss because of default.

At the present time, over one thousand teachers are on the retired list, each drawing monthly annuity checks from the reserve fund. These checks amount in value from a few dollars to better than \$100.

All funds in the system are in-



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vested as soon as received in order that the returns from the funds may be quickly realized.

Teachers may benefit in two ways from membership in the retirement system. One of these is to receive benefit at the age of retirement. Another provision is made for teachers who are members and who become too ill for service. The basis for payment of annuity depends on the salaries of the members during the time he has been a member of the retirement plan.

A majority of the staff at A. and M. are members of the retirement system. G. B. Wilcox of the A. & M. Student Personnel Office is a member of the Board of Directors.

## REMNANTS ARE USEFUL STATE HOME AGENTS

Given a few odds and ends, county Extension agents sometimes demonstrate miracles. But the demonstration is their Pandora's box of methods to teach farm people greater efficiency and how to multiply their home comforts. Here is an outstanding example of the ingenuity of one county home demonstration agent in fabricating a useful household article from an automobile part, old newspapers and a bit of plank with the aid of two handy 4-H Club girls.

Edith and Fay Ryder, Knox County 4-H Club girls, desired to make a floor lamp out of the steering wheel of an automobile. So they sought the help of the county home demonstration agent, Kathleen Lucile King, who listed the things necessary to do the job. First, they shredded enough newspapers to fill a gallon bucket, and when Miss King reached their home she added a one inch cube of soap cut into tiny bits and a handful of salt. The mixture was covered with water and allowed to stand over night.

Next morning, Edith took a washboard and rubbed the soaked paper into pulp. Flour was added to thicken it and form a paste and the bucket placed on the stove. While Edith prepared the papermachie, Fay cut the circular part of the steering wheel with a hacksaw and then sawed a four by four inch piece from a plank. Using a carpenter's square she found the exact center of the block where she bored a hole about half way through with a brace and bit. It was then placed on top of the steering wheel rod.

With the parts assembled, the agent proceeded with the wiring. The cord was run through the block and the plug put on and tested. Next the socket was screwed to the four by four block, and rags cut in one inch strips were used to wrap the steering wheel. Lastly, the papermachie was spread on the stand, smoothed down and set to dry. When properly dried it will be painted or enameled white or ivory.

Like good demonstrators the sisters invited eight women and 4-H girls to see the job done.

Alcohol is supposed to be one of the greatest preservatives, but just from observation we'd say that it doesn't preserve anything we couldn't get along without.

## Sugar Unnecessary In Juice Canning

Fruit juices may be canned safely without the use of sugar, however, adding it helps hold the color and flavor of the juice.

This assurance comes from Mrs. Winifred Leverenz, specialist in food preservation for the Texas A. and M. College Extension Service, who says she has received numerous inquiries on the subject from Texas homemakers. The juice may be canned in glass fruit jars or in bottles with crown caps. If it is put up in bottles, a capper must be used. The specialist especially warns against sealing bottles with corks dipped in wax or paraffin, because this type of seal will not withstand processing.

Bottles and jars should be

smooth, free from nicks and cracks. After washing, they should be heated in water until it boils. Crown caps for the bottles should be wiped clean with a damp cloth but should not be washed. Just before the caps are used they should be dipped in boiling water.

Mrs. Leverenz advises handling only small batches of ripe, firm fruit at a time. She says the secret of keeping the fine natural flavor and color of the fruit lies in heating just enough to sterilize but not so much that the color and flavor change.

Berries, red cherries and plums are prepared for juice by removing the pits, crushing, and heating to simmering. Then they are strained through a cloth bag. Add sugar as desired, about a half to a cup of sugar for each gallon of juice, depending on the sweetness of the fruit. After the sugar is added,

heat the juice again to simmering and pour into the hot jars or bottles. Fill jars to one-fourth inch of the top and bottles to one-half inch of the top. Adjust the lids of jars or seal caps on bottles. Fill jars to one-fourth inch of the top and bottles to one-half inch of the top. Adjust the lids of jars or seal caps on bottles. Process either pint or quart jars or bottles in a boiling water bath for 15 to 20 minutes.

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