FAMILY RESEARCH INSTITUTE, PLAN

NOTE INDUSTRIAL FACTOR

Interesting Survey of American Family Life Planned at Big University; Professor Explains Idea

A family-research institute for the careful collection, tabulation and interpretation of data relating to the American family, with especial reference to the effect upon the family of the participation in industry of both father and mother, or of one or the other actively at work for a living, a study of the reactions upon family life of the mother working and being away from home, and of related domestic-industrial problems, is now being considered at Northwestern university

Dr. A. J. Todd, head of the department of sociology at Northwestern is drafting a plan for such an institute and will present it to President Walter Dill Scott some time this week.

Industry Linked With Home "We need a family research institute just as it has been found necessary to organize research institutes for land economics, for eugenics and engineering," commented Dr. Todd. "Industry has begun to realize that it can not function in a vacuum and that it is linked with the American home, even though it may not be engaged in large scale research work, or with health or recreational prob-

The growing importance of the American woman in business is well recognized by sociologists, Dr. Todd says, and he has found that about 40 per cent of all employed women today are now, or have been, married. He has learned that from 1890 to 1920 the percentage of married women employed, nearly doubled, while the percentage of single. widowed or divorced workers remained almost stationary in the same era.

Married Women Employed "The largest proportion of employ- was allowed to ride the horse to plow. ed married women are from fifteen to twenty-four years of age," said Dr. Todd, "but we now require more fully analyzed statistics as to the widowed and divorced, their ages, with related material respecting children, their number and their fate. Regarding working women, we know that most married women who work do so to improve the standard of living of their families, and also because they are needed in industry. We are much interested in the economic effect on the home when the mother works, in how much time the mother takes away from home to be gainfully employed, and just how the offspring of the family are affected when the mother is employed and taken away from home."

Dr. Todd already has collected considerable data on these interesting problems in domestic and industrial economics and his conclusion that the question is now assuming tremendous importance not only in America but in all civilized countries, has impelled him, he states, to form a plan for a special research institute with the American home and family as the center of special inquiry. Dr. Scott is expected to approve of this plan. which, although now in embryo, may develop into something of national scope and importance.

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SOME PARADOXES IN NEWS OF THE MONTH

of Nation's Business Calls Attention to a Few Contradictions

Merle Thorpe in Nation's Business Magazine says:

"Paradoxes in a month's news: marvels are getting more support more or less of a guessing operation. from science-and a Tennessee court M. H. Haller and J. R. Magness, their 1925 incomes-and New York Farm, near Washington, found that els. 2,842 stranded Americans seek tionship between the leaf area and aid in Paris-and Col. Theodore the size and quality of the fruit. For Roosevelt charges that Americans the Grimes and Ben Davis under the are "prosperity mad."

Matthias Nicoll, Jr., New York health commissioner, deplores stress on long life-and a Wharton school survey shows that men of about six, ty captain business. The shipping board declares it will continue operation of the United States Lines-and 105 more towns abandon or sell lighting plants to private operators. Paris makes skirts shorter than ever-and gested by shoe dealers. The Soviet variety having fewer leaves per fruit. government bans American jazz-and trans-Atlantic radio-telephone service is hailed as a new international tie. The new immigration law would cut German's quota from 61,227 to 23,408-and Germany begins her campaign for colonies. Queen Marie is reported to have complained of American exaggerations-and headlines say thirty billion toothpicks are produced annually in this country.

mobile to drive now, is often the son

Some of these people who have replaced the vegetable garden with the. The women's clubs tell us the home garage, will perhaps take out the fires must be kept burning, but it kitchen stove and put the bridge ta- seems to take about all the time now ble in its place.

APPLE LEAF MAKES FOOD FOR THE FRUIT

Products Poor or Good Accordin to Plentiful Supply of Foliage

The leaf area of an apple tree is capable of manufacturing sufficient food material for a given number of Charlie Chaplin's receivers find \$913. apples of good size and quality. On 372 in the comedian's banks-and heavily loaded branches and trees Harvard establishes a movie course there is often less than 20 or 30 in its business school. Senator Wads- leaves per apple, and under these worth says Senators flout dry law conditions the fruit is small and of violations and the Grain Exchange poor quality. Although some orchardreports that strength in rye influ- ists have practiced removing a few ences the price of wheat. Gov. "Ma" apples to increase the leaf area per Ferguson pardons 3,124 Texas con- fruit, until recently there were no victs-and Rosita. Forbes, traveler experimental data available to indiand writer, says America is law-rid- cate the exact number of leaves reden. Sir Oliver Lodge thinks Bible quired per apple. Thinning has been

upholds the constitutionality of the horticulturists of the United States anti-evolution law. Citizens of the Department of Agriculture, in a ser-United States pay \$2,172,127,321 on ies of tests made at the Arlington City has a hard time to keep in nick- different varieties vary in the relaconditions of the tests at least 30 to 40 medium-sized leaves per fruit were necessary to obtain apples of good size and quality, and as many as 50 for the Delicious. When a smaller number of leaves was present; the fruit was not only smaller in size, but was low in dry weight, low in sugar cofitent, and of poor dessert quality. It was found also that apples grown with a large leaf area an arbiter for the shoe trade is sug- ripen slightly earlier than the same

These determinations were made by ringing or "girdling" the bark of a twig to isolate the fruit and leaves from the rest of the tree. Other investigations had shown that ringing largely prevented the passing of nitrogen and carbohydrates in either direction past the ring, thus making the fruit beyond the ring depend only upon the leaves with which it was isolated. By ringing and thinning the leaves to a definite number at varying distances from the fruit it was The boy who wants a pretty auto- found also that apples can draw food material from adjacent leaves and of them an who was produ when he leaves at a distance of 2 to 4 feet with almost equal facility.

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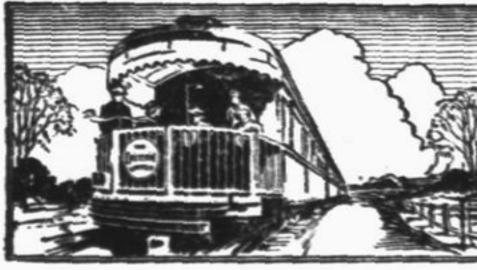
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