

Stop And Think

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Have you ever thought of this? You can put people into two groups - those who stop thinking and those who stop to think.

We know quite a few people who have stopped thinking;

they do today what they did yesterday -- and do it in precisely the same way.

The very thought of change disturbs them. When some new idea is presented to them or when a new situation confronts them, they ignore it and sweep it under the carpet.

Living in the attitude of the standpatter is a dull business.

In business particularly, we all need to stop to think. First of all, it is wise to stop in the busy rush of our lives - sit down to ponder the new idea or situation. Then we have to think.

Good business is always done by business people who stop to think about ways in which they can enliven their work and add the element of variety.

PTA To Meet

The Winston-Salem, Forsyth County PTA Council will meet tonight at 6:15 p.m. at East Forsyth High School. Following a brief business meeting, the program will consist of an explanation of the new secondary curriculum currently under consideration.

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Can We Feed The World?

by Charles T. Byrd, Jr. C.P.A.

The food crisis confronting the world has deep economic and moral implications for the United States. For decades the U.S. has assumed the role of leader against world famine, in keeping with America's position as the largest agricultural exporter.

The approaches to solving this disaster are highly disputed by authorities. They have the effect of being between "a rock and a hard place." One approach is described as "triage." This French term used during World War I was descriptive of the separation of the wounded who could be saved from those who were hopeless. In parallel, this application to the food crisis would result in neglect for the millions who are in the most need. The rationale is that some nations are so poor and overpopulated that it is useless to try to help them. Technical assistance would only be offered when their populations, reduced by hunger and disease, are smaller and more manageable.

The second approach is inspired by an indiscriminate guilt. Many leaders feel that living in a land of plenty places an obligation to give aid without attaching any political or peace-keeping conditions. I believe that it is naive to think of such a contribution without expecting at least some intangible returns. The recipients of food aid are allowed to sell the commodities in their own country and use the proceeds for internal developments.

A concerted effort must be made by all of the world's more abundant nations, not just the U.S. Pressure must be exerted on Europe and the Soviet Union, as well as the oil-exporting countries. Russia has consistently refused to honor agreements made at the World Food Conference in 1974 resulting in obstacles to creating the "world food-security system."

The eating and drinking habits of individuals must be changed to achieve the awesome task of feeding the world. Grain used to feed livestock and make beer and liquor could be decreased to augment the supply available for contribution. These changes in habits, a decrease in consumption, would not only help our budgets but also our health.

Closely linked with the world food supply is the need to slow the world's population growth. It should be clear to all that this combination is too ecumenical for one nation to attempt sole remedy.

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