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Let's Endow It

In a letter to a friend a few days ago, W. Randall Harris referred to the fact he had just accepted yet another community responsibility, and half-jokingly remarked:

"Why I do these things, I don't know."

His friends know why.

It was because Randall Harris' innate goodness, his passionate desire to obtain the best for his community, his region, his state, and his selfless generosity rarely, if ever, allowed him to refuse any call upon his time and his energies to serve others.

But he was so quiet, so self-effacing that even his close associates did not realize, until his death in Asheville last week, how varied were his activities and how widespread and deep was the influence of his efforts.

Probably not a score of people west of the Balsams were personally acquainted with Mr. Harris; and the few who were would have said that he had little or no influence in their communities. Yet one of his last pieces of community service was to help save a movement that has had, and will continue to have, tremendous influence in making these far western counties better places to live.

Though few people knew it, Mr. Harris was largely instrumental in raising the money to continue, for another year, the activities of the Agricultural Development Council. That is the organization that sponsors the Rural Community Development Program in this mountain region—a program that has revolutionized rural life in many communities, and that, so far, has only scratched the surface.

What will happen to that program when funds are needed again next year? Without a Randall Harris, will it be permitted to die?

This movement need not die-next year, or ever!

Why not endow the Community Development

It would be expecting too much, perhaps, that Mr. Harris' personal friends in Asheville should contribute enough for an adequate endowment. But if, to their contributions, there were added the donations of a hundred dollars here, ten dollars there, and even quarters and dimes, from people throughout the mountain region who want to see a better rural life in Western North Carolina, this movement's future would be assured.

And what finer memorial could there be to any man than a richer rural life in the region he loved and served so well!

2 and 2, It Seems, Make 5

Some strange things happen in the governmentwhether the administration be Democratic or Republican.

Last week, for example, the Office of Price Stabilization made an eleventh hour change in the list of items to be freed from price control. In a lastminute switch, it kept price controls on cigarettes and other tobacco products, and took them off, instead, of dairy products and oleomargarine.

If there is any virtue whatever in price controls, if there is any reason whatever to hold down the price of any item, surely that item is milk-an essential for children.

The OPS, however, thinks an increase in the price of tobacco would be worse.

An unchecked majority is a despotism.—John C. Calhoun.

A Thin Veneer

Whether Julius and Ethel Rosenburg, convicted as spies, should be executed is one question-subject, perhaps, to debate.

Whether, while they live, they should receive humane treatment is another-not subject to de-

This man and wife have been in Sing Sing prison's death house almost two years, and they have been forced to face that long period of suspense and strain and fear in terrible loneliness.

"Occasionally, they are allowed to exchange letters, and they have been permitted to meet face to face a few times", a news story reported the other

What possible harm could it do the nation for them to exchange letters often, to meet face to face often? Indeed, why should this husband and wife not be permitted to occupy the same cell?

No matter how guilty they may be, no matter how despicable their crime, now these two human beings are in deep personal trouble. Surely, while they live, they should be allowed the comfort of each other's presence.

The very casualness of the way the news story reported the fact that they are kept separated, indicating that such separations are usual, suggests how thin is our veneer of civilization, of Christian-

The truth is we aren't far removed from the cruelty of the savage, and we betray that cruelty most often in our treatment of those who are at our mercy-our prisoners, our mentally sick, and, too often, the inmates of our county homes.

"Study for Cutting Budget is Begun", says a headline.

If the studiers find out how to cut a budget, there are a lot of us not connected with the government who would like the secret.

Some Thoughts On Brotherhood

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This article below was received too late for publication during Brotherhood Week. But since brotherhood is a constant and universal need, Mr. Wood's article would be timely any week.)

Whether brotherhood is to be only an empty word, receiving an indifferent oral recognition or a dynamic force for good, in the affairs and relationships of man, depends largely upon whether men will learn to resolve their petty differences by applied reasoning, or whether they will emotionally enlarge them into insurmountable obstacles. Differences of opinion and personal preference among individuals are very real but subordinate in value to many things we all have in common.

It is interesting to note, in this connection, that: of the 2,200 millions of humans living on this earth, there have not been found any two having exactly the same finger print patterns. Each one of these persons has a brain many thousands of times more complex than their finger tips and thus capable of infinitely greater variations in pattern. Each of these individuals is constantly exposed to a countless variety of experiences, suggestions and impressions which influence or establish the thought patterns that manifest themselves as mind. That mind and opinions must, by the very nature of things, have infinite variety seems obvious.

Would it be any more unreasonable to quarrel with our neighbors about their finger print patterns than about their mental patterns or their personal tastes or political and religious opinions? Would it not be more rational to consider how, through necessity and experience, each individual has acquired a different thought pattern at varience with all others in countless ways, but yet in harmony in so many ways through the need for harmony. In reality, mankind has much more in common than at divergence; his basic needs are the same, his differences are in the realm of mind. "He fashioned their hearts alike: he considereth all their works." Pslm 33:15.

Mankind needs the harmony of the brotherhood of man now, at the dawn of the atomic age, more than at any other time in history.

In view of the natural and acquired differences of thought patterns that keep mankind divided against itself, can we hope to find somewhere a common denominator of values great enough to outweigh our petty differences? Would it not help if we would sincerely try to effect in our daily lives and be havior the ideals imparted to us by the founders of the Christian philosophy? If we truly take this teaching to heart, we will find that we should all live as brothers. "Seeing he giveth to all life and breath and all things, and hath made of one blood all nations of men, for to dwell on all the face of the earth." Acts 17:25,26. "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof; the world and they that dwell therein." Psalm 24:1. "For we are labourers together with God. Ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building." Cor. 3:9. "He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man but God, who hath also given unto us his Holy Spirit." Thes. 4:8. "Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer." 1 John 3:15. "Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones." Matt. 18:10. "Verily I say unto you, inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me". Matt. 25:40.

We should learn to accept our differences pleasantly. "For



as we have many members in one body and all members have not the same office so we being many, are one body in Christ and every one members one of another." Rom. 12:4,5. "Now there are diversities of gifts but the same spirit. And there are differences of administration but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations but it is the same God that worketh all in all." Cor. 12:4,5,6. "One man esteemeth every day alike, let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind." Rom. 14:5. "Let us not therefore judge one another any more but judge this rather that no man put a stumbling block or any occasion to fall, in his brother's way." Rom. 14:13. "Moreover if thy brother trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone." Matt. 18:15.

Thus we should be at peace with our fellowman for:

"If it be possible as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men." Rom. 12:18. "Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace and things wherewith one may edify another." Rom. 14:19.

We are not lacking in know how; we lack only the will. The way was pointed out for us almost two thousand years ago. For finally over and above all else, we have the crowning commandments given to us through Luke 6:28,31, 35,36,37 and 38, which are eternally right for all men everywhere.

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Others' Opinions

TWAS TOLD US

(Zebulon Record)

It was reported to us, although the reporter is noted for prevarication, that a Wakelon first grade teacher read her pupils some nursery rhymes last week. Then to find out whether they had been paying attention, she asked them questions concerning the rhymes.

"Why did the cow jump over the moon?" she inquired of an overalled farm pupil.

He answered quickly: "Probably because the milker had cold

OF SUCH IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN (Smithfield Herald)

Too much of any day's news is distressing. We read about wars and rumors of wars, deaths on the highway, atomic explosions, diplomatic disgraces, thievery and bribery and corruption, divorces and murders among the adults and deliquency among the juveniles. There ought to be a column of "Good

We are glad to report that there is such a column. It appears on the first page of the Saturday Review, an intelligent weekly magazine which devotes most of its pages to reviews of books and plays and movies and records but which is also constantly vigilant about the State of the World. It more often Views with Alarm than Points with Pride.

But under the title of "Good News" are such encouraging events as these on the world horizon:

A campus-wide campaign at the University of Toronto has provided gifts of books and special equipment for three universities in India and Pakistan.

As a gesture of friendship, school children of Japan have gathered 100,000 cherry tree seeds to be distributed to American citizens which would like to have them for their parks and schoolvards.

Youngsters in East Poultney, Vt.-and in our own Raleigh for that matter-added a new trick to their Hallowe'en "trick or treat" by collecting children's clothing, money or other articles for distribution overseas instead of their usual quota of candy and fruit.

In Malone, N. Y., eight prisoners volunteered to donate a pint of blood each at a Red Cross clinic. When they returned to jail the sheriff cooked steak dinners for them-and the steaks were donated by a market owner who offered a pound of porterhouse to every blood donor in the community.

Such instances of "the helping hand" are indeed good news around the world. And such instances of good will, wherever they are found, will help to cement friendship between individuals and between nations. Of such is the Kingdom of Heaven.

News Making As It Looks To A Maconite

. By BOB SLOAN

Carroll Angel, field represen-tative of the state's Highway Safety Division, had one or two inconsistencies in his talk two weeks ago to the Franklin Ro-tary club. He belittled the pay that bus drivers receive and yet according to him bus drivers make about \$1.00 an hour for their driving time. Also he spoke somewhat slightingly of the work of adult bus drivers. Here in Macon county we are extremely proud of the fine safety record of our drivers since we have never had a fatality resulting from a bus wreck. Also Mr. Angel would have done well to make mention of the fact that in this county we have extremely dif-ficult driving conditions.

Concerning the pay increase the bus drivers are asking I think that the public is entitled to know two things also. If this pay increase were put into effect it would take 16 cents of the tax levy to furnish the amount Macon County supplements the sum tht state pays the drivers. It would cost the county \$6840.00 in addition to what we are now paying.

Macon County drivers now receive \$60.00 per month-\$20.00 from state funds and \$40.00 from county funds. Swain county bus drivers receive \$46.50 per -\$20 from state funds and \$26.50 from county funds. Jackson county adult drivers receive \$46.50 per month—\$20.00 from state funds and \$26.50 from the county. Jackson county student drivers receive \$40.-50 per month. They have 18 student drivers and 18 adult drivers. The driving conditions and working hours in these counties do not vary a lot.

Perhaps the drivers need more pay, but I think the pres-sure should be put on the state, not the county, since we are already far ahead of our neighbors in bus driver pay.

Two men that I think deserve praise and thanks for their stands on issues which have recently confronted them are Judge Francis L. Valentine, of the New York General Sessions court and Representative Clinton Kiser of the North Carolina State legislature.

These two men stand out in my mind because of their stands on subjects which were very far apart. But in their stand they both showed the same stuff—moral courage.

Judge Valentine, when he barred the press from the trial of Jelke, dirty and sordid affair, did what he could to keep our circulation hungry press

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Do You Remember?

(Looking backward through the files of The Press)

50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK Falsehoods are like fleasthey are allowed to live because it is too much trouble to chase them down and kill them.

Mr. H. G. Trotter returned from Clay County Thursday.

Scientists have deadly microbes in kisses, but the brave lasses of Kentucky are not afraid of so small a thing as a microbe

Mr. J. G. Siler went to Waynesville Monday to spend a month taking lessons in banking, as he has been selected as cashier of the new bank to be established

25 YEARS AGO

If the people want to save three or four thousand dollars a year, make the sheriff a salaried officer.

Mrs. W. T. Moore is spending this week with her uncle, Mr. John Fulmer, at New Orleans, attending the Mardi Gras.

Miss Margaret Cozad, who is a student at Weaver College, returned to her studies Wednesday after spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. Henry Cozad.

10 YEARS AGO

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Bradley left last Friday for Weaverville to make their home. Mr. Bradley, who has represented the circulation department of the Citizen-Times company in the county for the past four years, is accepting a similar position in his new field.

Frank I. Murray, who is on defense work at the Charleston Navy Yards, is visiting his family this week.