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At the Turn of the Year

At the change of the year we often think in terms of the saying, "Ring out the Old, ring in the New." The phrase implies more than that one year is past and another is about to begin. The suggestion is that the change is in the nature or character of the year as well as in time. The New is to be a different and a better year.

Many Christian individuals do indeed intend that the New Year shall be an improvement over the Old. Life shall be more in conformity with the will of God. There shall be improvement in the relationship to other persons-less selfishness, increased usefulness, more thought for others.

All this is laudable and to be commended. In some instances the New Year does show improvement. But if we think in general terms it is sadly true that all too often the New is essentially like the Old. Accepted attitudes remain, and well established habits continue. Old faults and weaknesses persist. The struggle against sin and temptation has not become easier. Progress in godliness is slow and is achieved only at the price of irksome self-discipline. The New is pretty much a continuation of the Old.

On the other hand the change of the year is to the Christian a welcome opportunity for reflection, for self-evaluation. Especially is he interested in questions like these: Has there been any spiritual growth the past year? Any progress in sanctification? Any increase in my knowledge of God's Word? Any deepening of my spiritual insight? Any increase in power to resist evil? Any progress in the exercise of Christian virtues such as patience, forbearance, kindness, purity, generosity, loyalty to our Lord and Sav-

Perhaps uppermost in the mind of a Christian at the turn of the year is the consciousness of the need of God's mercy and forgiveness on the one hand and God's strengthening grace on the other. Borne by that spirit the prayer for spiritual growth will not remain unanswered.—Church Bulletin

Acheson and the Snipers

Secretary of State Dean Acheson has done a distinguished job in trying to help keep this old world near a balance, but the snipers have tormented him no end. They have bleated and keep bleating, "Throw him out, throw him out," to the perfect satisfaction of the Communists.

The old China policy gang, many of which expected the Marines to go in and protect their properties on foreign soil, would have us believe that Secretary Acheson with one hand defeated Chiang Kaishel; and turned China over to the Communists.

The snipers forget that Chiang by his ruthless policies invited Communism, that the Communists defeated Chiang. All the weaknesses of Kaishek's regime, the corruption that surrounded him, the eagerness with which his men deserted by the millions to the enemy camp, his endless demands for more money from this country and his miserable failure to help Joe Stilwell in World War II-all that is forgotten or ignored.

And some of the snipers are allegedly associated with the China propaganda agency. They are being paid to plead for aid for Chiang, meaning they have a job to do even if it is or isn't advantageous to this country. Then there are those snipers who would have this country send Chiang goods, knowing they would get a commission.

There is a future life, and our acts and their consequences will follow us into it, every one of them.-R. A. Torry

The stranger rode in silence for a time, and then said: "Pretty long way from home isn't he?"

Toe Low An Estimate Of Politics

There is to much loose talk about deprayity in politics. Like this: "If he isn't a crook now, he will be very soon after he gets into office," which remark was made by a man in Paris while a candidate for United States Senator was speaking during the recent campaign. This is but a sample of things people say when talking about politics in this con try. A stranger would think our Congress and legislatures were composed of theives true, of course, that Congressmen

lators are not measuring up to old-time remains that an overwhelming majority of them are above reproach so far as common honesty is concerned. As for the general run of officeholders, the ones with whom we come in contact in our post offices and cou houses are fair samples of the whole. They most always are valuable in church and community, men whose credit is good in bank

and store. In destroying the confidence of young people in everybody who engages in politics we destroy confidence in our form of government. It is a Government of parties, and parties must have offices and patronage of other sorts in order to survive. Besides, how could a party enact its principles and policies into laws without electing men to law-making bodies? Instead of denouncing politics as a crooked game, and officeholders as men unworthy of confidence, a better policy would be to improve the type of men we elect to make our laws. While the average Congressman, Senator, and State legislator is an honest man, not many of them are outstanding for ability. Most of them should be replaced with men who rise above present levels.-St. Louis Globe - Democrat.

Wrong In The Wrong Place

Leaning over backwards to lead the Mac-Arthur hero worshippers, the widely circulated Reader's Digest, had to admit the error of its ways recently, but not until its brazen assumptions were exposed by the tragic events in Korea.

Jumping all over itself to put MacArthur on a pedestal along with the immortals, the Digest inflated the Inchon landing, which, in time was charged to MacArthur, who was saturated with self-esteem all along, by the New York Herald-Tribune as being a "colossal military_blunder".

The Digest, after printing several billion copies of the MacArthur issue, stopped the presses when its hero apparently blundered, and substituted a different story.

To add to all the confusion, the Herald-Tribune went on to say about MacArthur's fancy work in Korea: "It is impossible to put confidence in the military capacity of a headquarters which has so gravely compounded blunder by confusion of facts and intelligence." In the same issue the Herald-Tribune declared that criticism of MacArthur was part of the party line.

And there you have it: a digest magazine with a vast circulation bedding over backward to advance its questionable opinion, and a great newspaper pulling a McCarthy stunt but claiming immunity for itself.

MacArthur blundered and there are those who would kick Secretary Acheson out.

So many have been wrong in the wrong place, that few know what the score is, and it is about time that those in responsible places stop coloring things in an effort to make them appear differently because they would have them appear that way.

Economy Move

As an economy move, some are suggesting that county and city governments be consolidated. Whether a merger of the two political subdivisions is feasible or desirable cannot be determined easily, but it must be admitted that there is overlapping and where there is overlapping there are additional costs. Most of the merger talks comes from the big population areas where the cities take in one two and on up to five counties. But there is overlapping in the smaller areas, too.

The property owner in the towns pays a tax to support law enforcement on the county level, and then is required, on the other hand, to pay a tax for the support of a police department. The property owner in town pays gasoline tax for roads and then, in turns, is straddled with an advalorem tax, for streets. The town property owners goes to one tax collector to pay his county tax and then goes to another tax collector to pay his town tax. Some towns maintain their own jails and courts; yet they are taxed to support county jails and courts or are billed for keeping prisoners.

No one has complained a lot about the overlapping, but the condition is worthy of study, looking toward economy in local government.

No company is preferable to bad, because we are more apt to catch the vices of others than their virture, as disease is far more contagious than health.-Ex.

Lula J. Mizelle, deceased, the undersigned Administratrix will, on Streets, and rundersigned Administratrix will, on Streets, and rundersigned Administratrix will, on Streets, and rundersigned Administratrix will, on Saturday, the 13th day of January, 1951, at 2 o'clock P. M. in front of the residence of the late Street Streets Stre wing described personal pro-

Cedar to Minnie Hardison by dee mondson by deed dated Septem- down said branch 40.4 perches Dining room suit and furniture and all of the personal property | The belonging to the estate of Lula 1950. This the 12th day of December,

H. D. BATEMAN, Trustee.
She 19th day of December, Peel & Peel, Attorneys at Law,
Williamston, N. C. Martha J. Sexton, Administratrix | dec 19-28 ja 2-9

Peel & Peel, Attys. Williamston, N. C. North Carolina, Martin County.

Under and by virtue of an ord-NOTICE OF SALE er of re-sale made by L. B. Wynne, Clerk of Superior Count orth Carolina, Martin County. Under and by virtue of the of Martin County on the 23rd day ower of tale contained in a cer- of December, 1950, in the above

tain deed of trust executed by C. C. Rawls and wife, Martha M. Rawls, on the 31st day of January, 1950, said deed of trust bears, 1951, at 12 o'clock noon in ing of record in the Public Regis- front of the courthouse door in Pool 1 4 the Town of Williamston, N. C., try of Martin County in Book L-4, the Town of Williamston, N. page 590, said deed of trust hav-ing been given for the purpose of der for cash, the following desecuring a certain note of even scribed real estate, to-wit date and tenor, herewith, default having been made in the payment of Jamesville, Martin County, and

of said note, and the stipulations being lots Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and contained in said deed of trust 7 in Block B in the Kemp Land not having been complied with, Division, on the East side of St. and at the request of the owner Andrews Street and bounded as of the said note, the undersigned follows, as shown in plat of re-Trustee will, on Friday, the 12th cord in Land Division Book in the day of January. 1951, at 12 Public Registry of Martin Coun-

throughout Latin America.

NOTICE OF SALE

North Carolina, Martin County.

Under and by virtue of the authority conferred upon me by law as Administratrix of the estate of a Administratrix of the estate of the Latin America.

Italia I Mizella deceased the unclassed over in the Town of Williamston, offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash, the following described real estate, to-wit:

Maple Branch, and on the East by Maple Branch, and on the South by line of lot No. 8 in said map or plat, and along line of same to Maple Street, thence back along Maple Street to point of beginning at a post, a corner of Grover W. Hardison lots, wided interest in said lots. The latin I may be the many street and lands of Ranson Rough and Lands of Rans

St., thence along Main St. in Jamesville Township, Martin course a straight line 105 feet to to the beginning, being County, N. C., beginning at a the beginning, containing 1-4

Argentina produces 24 per cent o'clock noon in front of the court- ty, bounded on the North by Street, on the South by Roberson on the East by J. G. Long, on the of all electrical power used house door in the Town of Wil- Jackson Street and on the East by Street and lands of Ransom Rob-

Cedar to Minnie Hardison by deed of Fifth Tract: A tract of land in

down said branch 40.4 perches or 21, 1945, recorded in Book 41, page 51.

This the 12th day of December, 950.

H. D. BATEMAN, Trustee. Peel & Peel, Attorneys at Law, Villiamston, N. C. ect 19-28 ja 2-9

NOTICE OF RE-SALE of Martin County.

down said branch 40.4 perches to the page to the first line to a point, thence N. T. 1-2 W. 45.2 perches to the road, thence along said road N. 85 E. 40.4 perches to the beginning, Containing 10 acres and being the same land deeded to Lola Mizelle by J. W. Ange and wife by deed of record in the Public Registry of Martin County in Book D-2, page 513.

Fifth Tract: A tract of land in the Town of Jamesville, N. C. adjoining the Williamston & Ply-mouth Highway and colored Methodist Church lot on the Williamston, N. C. ja 2-9

Notice of Re-Sale of record in Book D-2, page 513.

Sixth Tract: That certain wood Third Tract: Bounded on the store, house and lot situate in the west by St. Andrews Street, on Town of Jamesville, on the South East by lands of E. H. Ange and side of Waters Street, and bound-W. W. Waters, on North by Maple ed on the North by Waters Street,

South by J. G. Long and on the West by J. L. Davenport, and being the same lot conveyed to C. A. Harrison and G. H. Harrison by W. W. Vaters, Trustee, in deed of record in Book F-3, page 407 of the Martin County Public Registry. Said fifth tract was sold in two

parts, the school house lot and the home place of Lula Mizelle. Said fifth tract will again be sold in two lots, the bid on the school house tract starting at \$385.00, and the bid on the hanse place

upon confirmation of the sale by to make a cital neposi:

the sale, pending confirmation of the sale.
This the 23rd day of December,

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is now akin to silence; driving is all but a response to your wish; comfort leaves literally nothing to be desired. To ride or drive is to relax-and to rest. . . . The great master engine has also been refineddown to the smallest details. Its voice is closer to a whisper; its power application is faster; and it's even smoother in operation. . . . And there is an even finer Hydra-Matic Drive-with a new reverse for easier shifting, and for "rocking" the ear in sand or snow. ... There is new steadiness on the road-better balance on turns and curves-easier and softer

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Chas. H. Jenkins

Highway 17

Williamston, N. C.