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True Assessment

It isn't how many years we live, but what we do in those years that counts.

The News Letter, issued by the University Press, shows that there are 1,303 persons or 4.7 percent of the population of Martin County are 65 years of age or older. That's interesting, to be sure, and it is a little bit disturbing to note that Martin County's ratio of old folks rates 91 in the list for the State. But it would be even more interesting to know about the old-timers, to know how they are managing in this topsy-turvy world with low pensions and so many irresponsible relatives.

In that connection, the Turlock (Calif.) Journal recently had the following to say:

Why is it that when we count our blessings we almost always count only our dollars?

Is it because we are a materialistic people? We hardly think so. Or is it because counting the number of gallons of milk a cow produces is more readily understood than the spiritual gains made by our citizens? This probably is the answer.

But whatever the reason, we are sufficed with statistics this time of year. We learn that Stanislaus County has 137,000 souls; that snowfall of so many inches in the Sierras means so many more acre feet of water next year; that 1,500 people a day are coming to California to live; that four million people of this state are on payrolls, and that California's population is now nearly 12 millions.

Those are important and sometimes interesting figures. But they are only relative, either to our own past, or to what we may expect in material gains next year.

What we would like to see . . . is some measure of the spiritual and moral and mental progress of our people.

For inevitably, as our material wealth increases, we have or should have more time to devote to the intangibles of life. Do we have more freedom as individuals than before? Do we have a better taste for music and the arts? Have our people learned that hard work, either mental or physical, is one of the greatest character-building forces of mankind? Do they appreciate and encourage a feeling of earning one's way through life, and the self-reliance and inner strength which comes from such accomplishments? Have we enlarged our rich traditions of neighborliness and friendship? Have we as a people responded as we should to the bloodbank in order to save lives of our men in Korea? Are we resting on our laurels since the revealing gains made in our community spirit when the War Memorial was dedicated a little over a year ago?

These are the things that make life rich and full. They are hard to measure. They don't depend upon material gains, but material things help though they should be and probably are secondary.

Perhaps there's both reason and a distinction as to why we are inclined to list dollars instead of intangibles each New Year. It's easier, in the first place. And secondly, our moral and spiritual attainments are individual matters. Each person has to make his own accounting.

This making of our own accountings, and some estimate of our inner urge to greater spiritual salvation, are the real values we should assess each New Year.—Turlock (Calif.) Journal.

Education sneaked into the child under the guise of play and pleasure is as fruitless, in contrast with true education, as play is with labor.—Thomas Henry Burrowes.

None of us is responsible for all the things that happen to us, but we are responsible for the way we act when they do happen.—Exchange.

In The Balance

Norwalk (Conn.) Hour

The situation of our world today is so grave that every American must be ready to face facts and be willing to seriously ask himself, "What can I do about it?"

We think the situation boils down to asking what is generally called a Christian world?

Reply to this question honestly and you will have the answer to where this Nation and the world as we know it are headed.

All signs point to a tragedy in history. Read the history of the rise and fall of the Greek, Roman and English empires and you will recognize so clearly that those same signs are present in our Nation today.

The tragedy is that in the short space of time since our forefathers founded our Nation we see these signs of decay that brought about the collapse of those modern world empires.

With the firm belief that hard work and real faith in God would bring forth their reward, the Pilgrims laid the foundation from which has grown the richest and most powerful Nation in the world today.

This priceless heritage of ours is in danger.

The great advances made in science and technology have brought to us richness and an easier way of living. But man's need today seems to be primarily for the material things of life—such things as a television set, a refrigerator, an automobile. Dozens of other labor-saving devices for our homes are terribly important.

A Bible and a seat in a church seem to have lost their importance.

God definitely has been forsaken.

What then is happening? No one can deny that there is a serious decline in moral concepts. Too many of us are willing to say that we are Christians, but when it comes to living a Christian life we do so on our own terms.

Sometimes the truth hurts and it makes us ready to deny it, or go into a shell, or try to justify ourselves. Sometimes, thank God, though the truth hurts it brings an awakening and a willingness to do something to set things right. That time is now—it must be no wif you, like other men and women, want to safeguard your heritage so that your children will have a better chance to live in peace, happiness, and security in a truly Christian world.

We urge our religious leaders to teach if possible with greater wisdom and understanding that moral concepts and faith in God are things worth living and fighting for. We also urge that leaders of religious faiths make greater efforts to bring about a unity of purpose in extending Christian fellowship to all corners of the world.

We urge each American—you and your friends and neighbors—to give a little more of yourselves to God's purpose when He gave you your life.

Is all this possible? It should be simple. Man has inherited from God the power to do great things. If this inheritance and this latent power that is in every man are harnessed, if the minds and hearts of all men will be moved, the world we want for our children and grandchildren is possible of attainment.

We need not fear a tragedy that can be avoided.

Remembering the past let us all, with courage and high faith in the promise of God, accept this challenge and start today to repair the damage to man's soul.

The Christian World

The situation of our world today is so grave that every American must be ready to face facts and be willing to seriously ask himself—"What can I do about it?"

We think the situation boils down to asking yourself this simple question:

Just how important is it to me to be living in what is generally called "a Christian World?"

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Manner, not gold, is woman's best adornment.—Menander.

Boy Scouts Celebrate 43rd Birthday



43rd ANNIVERSARY 1953 BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Official Boy Scout Week Poster

Boy Scout Week, Feb. 7 to 13, marking the 43rd anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America, will be observed throughout the nation by more than 3,250,000 boys and adult leaders. Since 1910, more than 20,200,000 boys and men have been members. "Forward on Liberty's Team" is the birthday theme and the emphasis is on "The Scout Family" of programs meeting the interests of boys in three age groups: Cub Scouting for boys 8, 9 and 10; Boy Scouting for those 11, 12 and 13 and Exploring for boys 14 and up. The high point of Scouting in 1953 will be the third National Jamboree. More than 50,000 Boy Scouts will camp at a 3,000-acre tent city on the Irvine Ranch in the Newport Harbor area of southern California next July 17 to 23.

State College Has Timely Answers

Question: What is the fastest way to get young pine seedlings started on cut-over land?

Answer: The control of hardwoods with chemicals is often required to get pines started again, says James H. Phillips, forestry specialist for the State College Extension Service.

Phillips reports that there are many acres of cut-over land in North Carolina that will require treatment with chemicals before pines will seed back naturally or before they can be successfully planted.

Two of the most effective chemicals recommended for killing hardwood trees are ammate and 2, 4, 5-T, according to Phillips. These materials are easy to apply and they pose no danger to livestock that may graze the area.

Phillips urges farmers to consult their county agent before applying tree poisons.

One of the many farmers who know the value of getting young pine seedlings started back on cut-over land as soon as possible is Sidney Randolph, Route 1, Enfield.

With the help of his county agent and the forestry specialists, Randolph is going to take about 10 or 15 acres of cut-over land each year for several years and poison the hardwoods and plant pines.

Poor Highways Increase Motor Vehicle Repairs

At least \$75,000,000 a year is being spent on automobile repairs because of poor highways and the lack of proper parking space, an Eastern states conference of the A. A. Motor clubs was told.

Eisenhower Hits Speech Jackpot

By Stanley James Washington Correspondent

Washington.—President Dwight D. Eisenhower made a hit with Congress when he delivered his recent address before a joint meeting in the House chamber. It was almost imperative that Eisenhower put himself and his program over.

In the first place, there were some evidences that the new administration was having a rocky start with Congress, and committees—before Eisenhower's speech. Secondly, there was much speculation whether Ike or Senator Robert Taft would call the shots on G. O. P. policy in the Senate—about that time.

The President created a strong impression with his speech, and he went a long way toward making it clear that he is going to actively set the party course. His foreign policy pronouncements were clearly of the international

Express Agency Seeking Increase In Its Rates

The Railway Express Agency has asked the Interstate Commerce Commission for authority to revamp express rates and charges. The proposal, if accepted, would mean higher rates on almost all categories of express shipments.

brand. His domestic proposals were a compromise with both wings of his own party.

The speech was strictly Eisenhower. It was neither a surrender speech to the conservative element nor a surrender speech to the left-wing element. Even many Democrats had to admit they liked what the President had said, for much of it is Roosevelt-Truman policy.

As for pleasing listeners, the speech was about as successful as any Eisenhower will ever make. One might even assume that he will never win such unanimous support in Congress again. That's the way it usually is in politics. New administration honeymoons are short affairs.

Propose Ten Billion Dollar Cut in Budget

The Chamber of Commerce of the United States has proposed that the Government limit its spending for the next fiscal year to \$68,000,000,000, thus cutting \$10,000,000,000 from the budget proposed by former President Truman. It also proposed that taxes be cut by allowing the excess-profits tax, personal income and excise tax increases to expire during the coming year.

The Chamber of Commerce has asked the Interstate Commerce Commission for authority to parcel post rates.

NOTICE

North Carolina, Martin County. In The Superior Court

Burtis C. Nelson Vs. Mildred Frances Nelson.

The defendant, Mildred Frances Nelson, above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Martin County, North Carolina, to secure an absolute divorce based upon over two years continuous separation; and the defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear before the Clerk of the Superior Court of Martin County on the 11th day of March, 1953, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action on said date, and unless the defendant answers or demurs to said complaint on the above date or within twenty days thereafter as provided by the laws

of the State of North Carolina, the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint.

This the 9 day of February, 1953 L. B. Wynne, Clerk Superior Court Martin County.

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EXECUTOR'S NOTICE
North Carolina, Martin County. Having this day qualified as executor of the estate of Eli T. Hodges, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to exhibit them to the undersigned or his attorney within one (1) year from the date of this notice or this notice will be in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This 12 day of December, 1952. MARION F. HOYLES, Executor of the estate of Eli T. Hodges.

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