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# The Guides

A new book recalling a much criticized New Deal project of the 1930's, the Federal Writers' Project, reminds us that writers at that time, paid by the government in an anti-depression effort, produced an interesting series of guide books to the various sections of America.

The series then was called the American Guide series. It has been largely neglected since its completion (the Writer's Project died in 1939) but the books offer those who want to rediscover America--and especially the America of that time--a chance to do so.

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**Old Birds** 

In October more than forty American fighter pilots from the First World War revisited France and placed a wreath on the tomb of the unknown soldier. They also visited monuments erected to the memory of their flying comrades lost in action. Asked about his accom-

plishments, Raymond Brooks of Summit, N.J., one of the flyers, said modestly: "I wasn't a very good flyer. I was just lucky enough to get my planes back."

This honest admission accounts for the survival of most pilots. Only a few become almost invincible, and even then luck, fortune or mechanical failure could bring them down.

Elithu Kelton, of Palmerton, Pa., said he was one of a flying class of 48, only eight of whom survived the war. And today's youngsters think they have it tough!

#### Not Really Offhand can you think of

anything more impartial than a traffic light? -Globe, Mason City, Iowa.

Defined Broad mindedness has been described as highmindedness that was flattened by experience.

## **Staged News**

The Federal Communications Commission has asked the three giant networks which dominate U.S. television to submit comments on a number of staged events transmitted as news to the public between 1968 and 1971.

The FCC, notoriously timid in regulating the networks, was prodded by chairman Harley Staggers of a House Commerce subcommittee. In asking the networks for comment, the FCC almost apologized for its action, issuing a statement, arguing that the "real criterion" in this case is "whether the public is deceived about a matter of major significance."

This is not the real criterion, which is whether television newsmen are faking the news. It is not whether the fakery involved a story of major significance-who is to decide this?--but whether news is being faked, this is the fundamental, disturbing question.

In keeping with its apologetic attitude, the FCC statement also claimed that "no government agency can authenticate the news, or try to do so." This again is not the question; the question is whether the FCC properly supervises news telecasts in the public interest to prevent fakery. Rather than issuing so many alibis for what it's not doing (or won't do), the FCC should get on with the job of protecting the public interest, a job long neglected.

### **People Defeated**

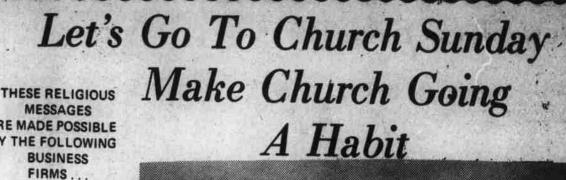
Congress' decision to shelve enactment of any welfare reform this year is a blow to many Americans and an example of Washington failing to govern effectively.

For three years now various House and Senate committees have debated various reform bills, including the President's.

For a variety of reasons, none of the bills was acceptable to enough of the Senate and House, or the President. The result-the present system remaining in effect at least until 1977--is disappointing to all who had hoped for effective reform.



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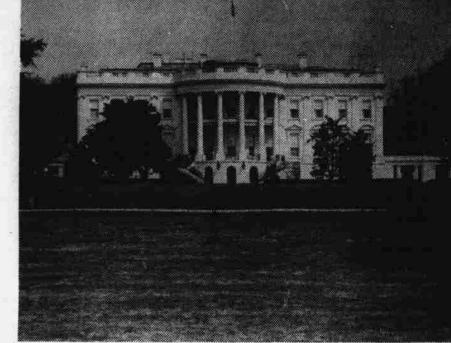
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. . how would that affect the state of the nation, and the course of history?

We should thank God for the responsibilities we DON'T HAVE, and then seek His strength in fulfilling those we have. It may be the by-product of democracy, but we often become too engrossed in the responsibilities of othersnot enough in our own! If I have a home and a family, it is part of a community, and my community part of a nation, and my nation part of

a world. Then, for my abilities, my task may be as great as that of the President of the United States.

It was a president who said he had been driven to his knees many times by the knowledge that his strength was insufficient for the day.

We all have days like that-most of the time! res selected by the American Bible Socie

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1:17-23 Monday

Matthew

18:15-20

Tuesday

Matthew

20:1-16

Wednesday

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Friday

Galatians

4:22-29

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Galatians

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I Corinthians

Colossians

Lately we have been devoting our studies to the issues of our times. Starting with this Lesson, we commence our studies of "The Changing World of National and International Relations".

Specifically, this Lesson deals with the government as it relates to the individual, and as the individual relates to government. Hopefully, it will delineate the responsibil each individual owes in order to bring about a strong and orderly administration of national affairs, in line with Biblical teachings. "Freedom" is, all to often spelled "license" - in public relationships and in the very personal relationships of "self". Just, exactly, what does it mean to be "free"? Does it give us license to indulge ourselves, sometimes to the detriment of others? If the answer is "Yes" ... then we are in deep trouble -both as Christians, and as persons! Freedom is a privilege, and it should be treated as such. It should be used wisely, with the good of the individual and the good of the community at heart. To misuse it, or abuse it, is a crime against man, against the nation, and against God! It requires a wise and tolerant stewardship...but not too tolerant! We must act responsibly, and arbitrarily. Freedom of worship (so dearly won) too often means freedom from worship; freedom of speech deteriorates too often to downright blasphemy; freedom of expression is, quite erroneously, translated into dirty novels, dirty pictures, etc., etc. True freedom is personified in Christ's suffering figure on the cross, for He died that we might be free from sin. By shedding His holy blood, He made it possible for every sinner to approach the Throne and receive absolution from guilt through genuine repentance. This is, indeed, the highest freedom accorded to man! As men, we are inclined to sin; Christ, by His sacrificial death, offers us the opportunity to be free of this enslavement. All we have to do to enjoy this everlasting blessing is to believe, to repent; to stand up and proudly proclaim our faith. Freedom has its price ... whether it be good stewardship of a nation's rights or a person's rights. There is an order to things -- to the universe, to the government of a country, to an individual's life. And all must be supported wholeheartedly. The common good must prevail over personal interests. The soul must take precedence over the physical body! We each of us have a duty not only to ourselves, but to our church, to our community, to our country and to our God. We are charged with stewardship of ourselves and of our fellowmen As professed Christians we have shared Christ's crucifixion; we, like Him, have died to sin. We have also died to self, and the Holy Spirit is free to work in us. In abandoning ourselves to the authority of Christ, we will never mistake license for freedom, nor be unaware of our debts to God and to mankind. We will bear our freedoms nobly, and with love for one another. (These comments are based on outlines of the International Sunday School Lessons, copyrighted by the In-ternational Council of Religious Education, and used by permission).

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