

Old People Growing in National Importance Despite Foolishness

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK.—(AP)—Old people are growing more important. Every year there are more of them, every year from now on there will be still more.

For despite its long foolishness the human race is living longer. The population is growing up—chronologically if not morally and intellectually.

And that fact in itself makes elderly people more important—in many ways.

It makes them more important economically. The day is about gone when poor old work-worn grandpappy must observe to himself mournfully: "The only real friendly smile I get anymore is from the undertaker."

Other business men are going to have smiles for grandpa and grandma from now on. Because the old folks, more and more, are financially independent. Fewer bank failures, the growth of social security, the enlargement of industrial pension plans—these things are enabling millions of men and women to retire with some semblance of a nest egg.

So old people are in themselves a tremendous market for people with things to sell.

More Political Pull
And the old folks are going to have more influence with politicians. They will become a tremendous pressure group for themselves. They will probably ask and get from the government more of what they want. And, in a Democracy, that seems

fair enough. Does anyone doubt that, if schoolchildren could vote, there would be more and better school buildings?

Old people also are getting more important to the medical profession. Having cut the birth mortality pretty much to a minimum, the doctors now find that diphtheria and the whooping cough are taking less of their time than hardening of the arteries and that ancient misery—"my rheumatiz."

Many physicians are specializing in the new science of gerontology—the study of old age.

Pride Awaits Shock
And they have found that it isn't enough for old people merely to be of some economic importance to others. They have to be made to feel still important to themselves.

And that's a problem. Their pride and self-confidence suffers a terrific blow when they realize they have passed the peak

of their powers. As Dr. Martin Gumpert told the Gerontological Society here last week, the self-realization of aging is "perhaps the most profound shock of our life span—next to dying."

This fear of being old, whether it starts at 35 or 60, causes many people to go through a kind of troubled second adolescence. Both men and women do foolish things they afterward regret.

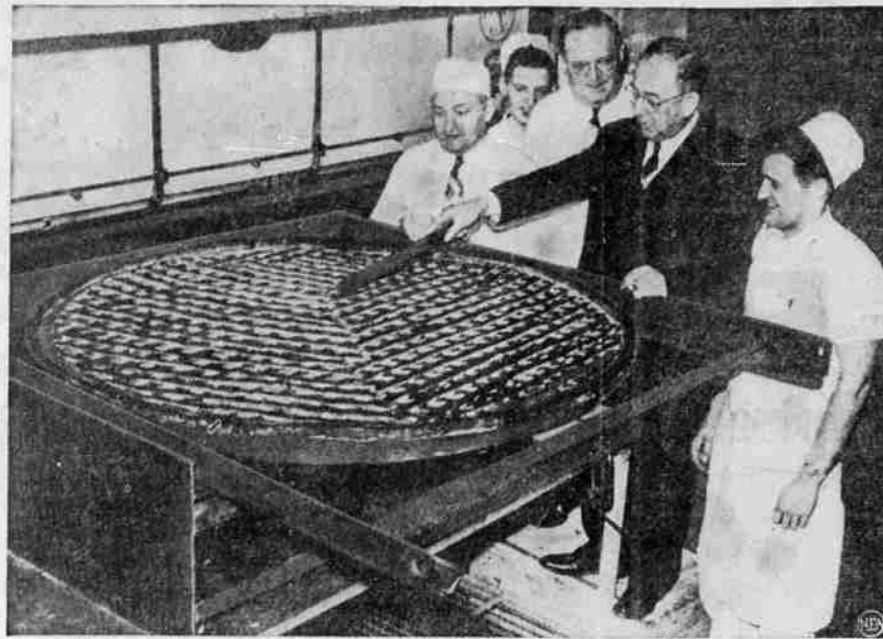
They take what they call "a last fling" at life. A friend of mine, who handles financial affairs for many people, has a name for this period.

"I call it forty-year fever," he said. "And it's the devil of a thing to go through. It destroys a lot of people."

Since there are going to be more and more old people in the world, why not prepare them for it? They can be educated in a way to lessen the shock and to emphasize the serene pleasures in store.

Universities ought to offer a post-graduate course in how to grow old gracefully.

He's Got a Lot of Crust



With 150 pounds each of cranberries, apples and sugar and a 100-pound crust, this ponderous pastry is the largest pie ever created in New England. It was baked in Quincy, Mass., and Quincy's mayor, Charles A. Ross, in dark suit, taste-tests the masterpiece. They didn't say if it was made to eat or to throw at somebody.

Extension of Rent Ceilings Proposed in Two Measures

By Marvin L. Arrowsmith

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—(AP)—Legislation to extend rent ceilings 27 months and put thousands of dwellings back under rent control will be introduced by Senator Myers (D-Pa.), probably today.

Senator Maybank (D-Sc), chairman of the Senate Banking Committee, told a reporter the measure might become the administration's rent bill. Mr. Truman has asked for tightening of controls and extension for at least two years.

The present law expires March 31. Myers' bill would extend control through June, 1951.

Rep. Spence (D-Ky) said he plans to introduce a rent control bill drafted by the administration. An official of the housing expediter's office said that measure and the one Myers will sponsor appear to be very similar.

Under Myers' bill as shown to a reporter, rent control would revert pretty much to its status prior to changes authorized, over Mr. Truman's protest, by the Republican-controlled 80th Congress.

New dwellings, including those rented since they were decontrolled, would be placed under rent ceilings again. So would converted dwellings and permanent hotel accommodations, including apartment hotels.

A rent control official said re-control of new construction alone would apply to thousands of dwelling units.

Transient hotel rooms and motor courts would remain decontrolled.

The bill would give the housing expediter authority to control or recontrol whole addition areas.

The measure also would ban any more 15 per cent increase leases.

Engraver 5-Day Captive Of Counterfeiter Gang

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 13.—(AP)—Trapped by a gang of counterfeiters, Ernest W. Condit, 66-year-old engraver, was held prisoner five days—four chained to a bed and the fifth in a cell-like basement room, held by chains to a metal box.

He was found Monday night

Happenings At Yoncalla Related

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Roche and their two children, of Eureka, Calif., visited at the D. J. Rovers home over the week-end.

Mrs. Kittie Jobe has purchased the lot between the Ritchey home and Dickey's Service Center.

Mr. and Mrs. John Simmons and their two children left last week to make their home in New York state. Mrs. Simmons will be remembered as Ida Thiel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Thiel.

Mrs. Al Hoffman, who underwent an appendicitis operation in Portland during the holidays, returned to her home at Yoncalla Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sefton, Jr., and Mrs. Sefton, Sr., left Sunday morning for Salem and Portland. Mrs. Sefton, Sr., will remain in Salem during the current session of the Legislature. Mr. and Mrs. Sefton, Jr., went on to Portland to visit relatives for a couple of days.

Nazarene Church Has New General Superintendent

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 13.—(AP)—Dr. R. L. Vanderpool of Walla Walla, Wash., yesterday was elected general superintendent of the Church of the Nazarene.

He was elected by district superintendents of the church to fill the vacancy created by the recent death of Dr. Howard V. Miller, chairman of the board of general superintendents.

Dr. Vanderpool will be associated with four other members of the board of general superintendents, including Dr. Hardy C. Powers of Dallas, and Dr. Orval J. Nease of Pasadena, Calif.

International headquarters of the denomination are here. It serves 3,300 churches in this country, Canada and the British Isles as well as mission stations in 28 other world areas.

Dr. Vanderpool has been chairman of the board of regents of Northwest Nazarene College at Nampa, Ida., the last five years. He also has served as chairman of the Board of Trustees of Pasadena College.

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Abolishment Of Federal Gas Tax Asked by Oregon

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—(AP)—From Oregon, the first state to levy a tax on gasoline and oil to support its roads, has come a proposal that the federal government be prohibited from levying similar taxes.

Earl T. Newberry, Oregon's Secretary of State, has written Rep. Angell (R-Ore.) asking support for legislation to repeal federal excise taxes on gasoline, oil, tires, tubes, automobiles, trucks, motorcycles and automobile parts and accessories.

Newberry said the federal tax, levied in 1932 during the depression, was all right then to meet an emergency but now should be repealed and that field of taxation should be left to the states.

The federal tax raises approxi-

mately \$1,850,000,000 a year, said Newberry, and contended that now with the states facing a situation where they must increase their taxes, the federal government should withdraw.

He said that Oregon's share of the total tax amounts to about \$13,000,000 a year. The state now has reached the point where it must levy additional taxes for major highway improvement, he

said, which will require about \$11,000,000 a year for 15 years. Angell told a reporter he is heartily in favor of repeal of the federal levies and added he believes the gasoline, oil and automobile taxes should be exclusively state matters.

Oregon had to fight through the Supreme Court to establish the validity of its gasoline tax.

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In a Dunbar District house, after neighbors had advised police that no one had left or entered the place for several days.

In his story to police, Condit said he was taken prisoner when he answered an advertisement concerning a job.

"I was met at the door by a man wearing a hood, with slits for eyes, and carrying a Luger automatic gun," he was quoted as telling officers.

"I was chained to a bed in an upstairs room by two men. They showed me a \$20 bill and told me I was going to engrave a plate."

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