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CENTENARIAN WISDOM.

In 1922 the late Senator Cornelius Cole was 100 years old, and Los Angeles gave him a banquet, at which, his mind as alert as ever, he spoke.

He said, according to the Saturday Evening Post, that he had only one message for those present, and that it had been impressed on him through long experience: namely, that human liberties were won in this country at heavy sacrifice of blood and fortune; that liberty is easily lost; that we must be ready to fight again if necessary to keep it; that we must never suffer any man to arrogate to himself the powers of a king, emperor or dictator.

At that banquet was Paul G. Hoffman, now head of the Studebaker company. Speaking in New York recently, Mr. Hoffman recalled Senator Cole's statement, and said:

"We listened tolerantly because he was an old man, but privately most of us thought he was living in a world of ideas belonging wholly to the past. . . . What did an old man's warning have to do with us? We had just finished making the world safe for democracy."

"I have thought of that address a thousand times. The old senator was not in his dotage. It was we who were blind. Do I need to ask you to think of the countries where in recent years civil and religious liberty has vanished? Do I need to ask you to think of how seriously at this moment those liberties are in jeopardy in democratic countries?"

"Why are they in jeopardy? Because of pressures operating against free enterprise. Those pressures come from two sources: First, those who are wrongly called economic planners, but who have something in mind quite different from planning—namely, government control of the processes of production and distribution; secondly, from minority groups."

"Special privilege is an invitation to government control, and no business can long survive bureaucratic domination."

ENVY FOR THE BUSINESS CONCERN.

Envy for the position occupied by the average business concern might be lessened, if the general public understood the problems connected with its operation. Launching a business enterprise has never been without its hazards as attested by the number of bankruptcies, but the hazards have been increased as time goes on.

More than ever the operator of a small business realizes that it is up to him to sink or swim. If he works for twenty years and loses out, there is no social security, unemployment or compensation insurance awaiting him. Even though he may pay thousands of dollars in taxes to protect the security of his employees, the only security he has is to make his business go and this is difficult in these changing times.

One local concern estimates that it pays out for social security, unemployment and compensation insurance a total of ten percent of its payroll, not to mention taxes paid in many other forms.

America is coming more to the idea of security for the worker in his old age but under the present system, it often appears as though the government is penalizing the concerns trying to pay a decent wage scale for the more paid out in wages, the more taxes are required.

This is just one of the many reasons why our present unemployment insurance should be placed on the merit basis and the sooner this is done, the sooner will business conditions be stabilized.

PIONEERS.

Fifty to one hundred years ago, America had its pioneers who blazed the trails to new lands and who opened up new opportunities to thousands of citizens seeking new homes. With no more free land left, we have today a new class of pioneers who are trying to reestablish agriculture and industry by building up the soils, learning new methods of production on the farm, branching out in industry by making new products and through new discoveries raising our standards of living.

Although not fraught with the physical danger of 100 years ago, the pioneer of today faces just as many problems. Land which once produced fifty to sixty bushels of wheat now will produce fifteen to twenty in many instances and the pioneer of today faces the task of putting back in the soil the necessary element taken out of it, if the land is to be made productive again. Since the virgin soil has been practically exhausted, the future farmer must set himself to the task of rebuilding his land, if it is to sustain him.

Progress has also been made in other lines of endeavor including the radio, and automobiles and now we are about to witness the introduction of television, which is soon to be made commercial. Who knows who the future pioneers may be or what line of endeavor they will represent.

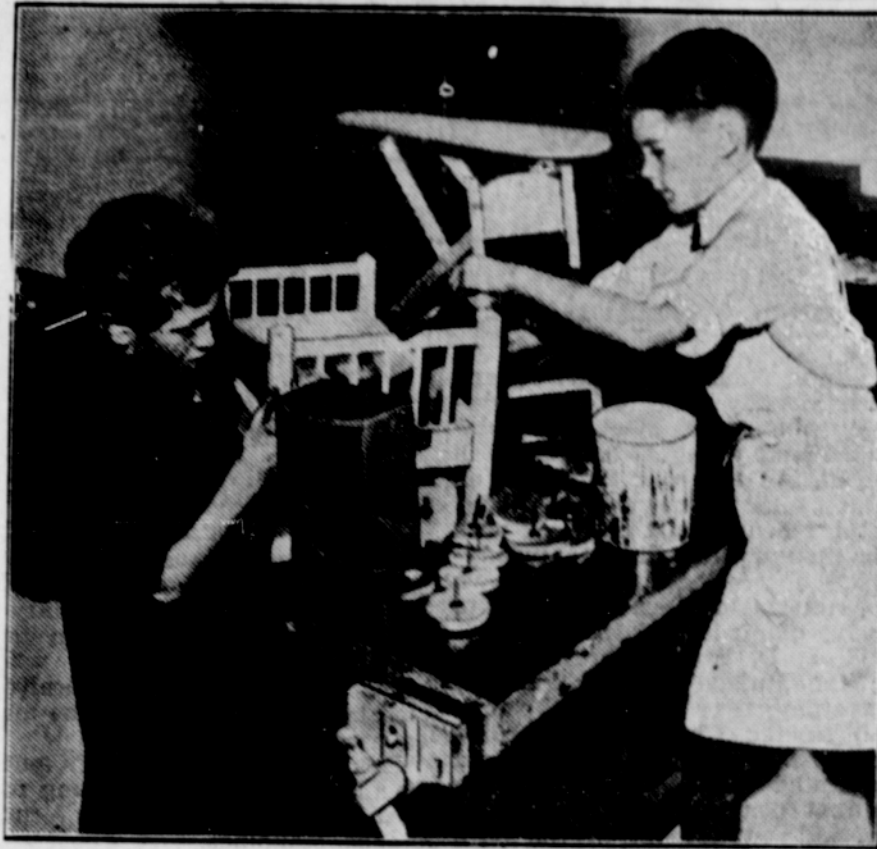
THE ACID TEST.

As has been pointed out by at least one prominent economist, the term "emergency spending" has been abandoned. Government spending on a gigantic, ever-increasing scale is rapidly coming to be accepted as a permanent necessity. So-called "emergency" bureaus have become an integral part of governmental machinery. This is significant.

The most serious attempts to economize have been drowned out with the cry of "emergency." Now the sole issue is spending for spending's sake versus economy. The nation is face to face with the acid test of national character. For a decade its people have permitted their government to live far beyond income. For ten years government expenditures have risen steadily. From 1932 to 1938 alone the net increase in the national debt totals more than 20 billion dollars.

The pinch of squaring accounts will be felt in every corner of the land. Will the people be equal to the task, after a ten year spree? The answer to that question lies with some 130,000,000 individuals from Maine to California.

Youth Learns to Serve Through Junior Red Cross



School boy members of the Junior Red Cross building furniture as gifts for less privileged youngsters.

TRAINING of school children in practical community service is one of the objects of the Junior Red Cross. More than 9,000,000 school boys and girls in grade, junior and high schools in the United States and insular possessions are enrolled in the organization.

The children carry on a wide variety of projects of helpfulness not only for underprivileged boys and girls in their neighborhoods, but also for adults in hospitals and homes for the aged. They make gifts and find many personal services they can render.

Junior Red Cross also sponsors an international good-will program

through exchange of correspondence with school boys and girls of more than 50 other nations and through sending Christmas boxes to the children of many nations.

An important feature of the Junior Red Cross is the experience the children obtain in directing their own deliberations through school councils and an annual convention, which they conduct under parliamentary rule without the assistance of their elders.

The Juniors also participate in Red Cross disaster relief work through donation of toys, books and other small gifts to the children made homeless through floods, tornadoes and other catastrophes.

TEMPTING HOT BREADS.

What is more tempting than quick breads, fresh from the oven? As their fragrance drifts from the kitchen and members of the family, from father to the sophisticated high school daughter, have indulged in mouth-watering sniffs, will wage everyone will appear at the table promptly and enthusiastically.

One thing in favor of this season of the year. . . it seems to provide more time for trying out new as well as old favorites in the kitchen. And with the myriad of appetite-provoking suggestions for quick breads made with baking powder, there need be little reason for the almost traditional waning appetites of mid-winter.

Quick hot breads are suitable for dozens of occasions. With cream soups or with crisp salads, for luncheon or supper, or to crown a company breakfast, they are equally effective.

And for the dessert-minded family there is gingerbread. With a glass of milk, it becomes a favorite lunch for almost any time of the day or night, and dressed up a bit, as in the recipe below, it is good for party refreshments as well.

Here are suggestions for melt-in-your-mouth hot breads:

Gingerbread with Cream Cheese Filling.
1/2 cup butter,
1/2 cup sugar,
2 eggs,
1/2 cup molasses,
1 teaspoon soda,
1 cup coconut (grated),
1 1/2 cups flour,
1 teaspoon ginger,
1 teaspoon cinnamon,
1/2 teaspoon salt,
1/2 cup milk.

Cream butter and sugar, add unbeaten eggs and blend. Into the molasses beat the soda until smooth. Sift the flour and spices together. Add alternately to the creamed mixture the liquids and flour and lastly, add the coconut. Pour into a buttered baking dish and bake in a moderate oven

(375 deg.) for 25 minutes. The cake may be split in two with a sharp knife and served with the following cream dressing between and on top:

1 cup whipped cream
1 package cream cheese,
3 tablespoons orange marmalade.

Work the cheese with the marmalade until creamy. Fold in the whipped cream.

When asked what her father's politics were, little Sue said: "Well, when the Democrats are in, Dad's a Republican and when the Republicans are in he's a Democrat."

EDITOR'S MISTAKES.

The following is contributed. Perhaps you have noticed it: When a plumber makes a mistake, he charges twice for it.

When a lawyer makes a mistake, it is just what he wanted, because he has a chance to try the case all over again.

When a carpenter makes a mistake, it's just what he expected.

When a doctor makes a mistake, he buries it.

When a judge makes a mistake, it becomes the law of the land.

When a preacher makes a mistake, nobody knows the difference.

But when the editor makes a mistake—good night!

WHAT DO MOTHS EAT?
Watch for the answer in "It's A Fact" in this paper soon!

News Briefs

Oliver Kenyon, keeper of the lighthouse on the Umpqua river has recently been transferred to a lighthouse on Puget Sound.

Up to Saturday 2,926 dog licenses had been issued by the county at the clerk's office with three days left to buy licenses without paying a penalty.

Reports from Portland last week showed business of 111 fir mills had increased three percent over 1938.

Wallace Beery, popular movie actor, will get his second divorce soon. This time it will be from Arieta Gillman, to whom he has been married for fifteen years. Beery's first wife was Gloria Swanson, the couple lived together for two years.

A new German bomb, tried out in the Spanish war near Barcelona, has caused some concern among nations seeking to strengthen their armaments. It is reported that this bomb is capable of knocking people unconscious for a distance of a half mile. Maj. Gen. H. H. Arnold, chief of the army air corps told the senate investigating committee at Washington Tuesday the war department is still trying to find out about the bomb.

Julius Schaffer, beachcomber near Newport, found a jar on the beach recently that yielded three \$100 bills and other small change.

The supreme court at Washington Monday ruled that the national labor relations board may not compel reinstatement of workers who were discharged because of participation in a sit-down strike.

NO TRY—NO ERRORS.

We're sometimes severely criticized when our men make mistakes. While we regret these errors, we're not discouraged, that is, if the mistakes are the result of a zealous effort to accomplish some task, rather than carelessness. We've found, as you no doubt have, that the fellow who never makes a mistake is the one who never does anything.

Back in 1907, the Detroit Tigers were badly in need of a good fielding shortstop. A scout was trying to get Hughie Jennings to sign up a young Texas Leaguer.

"He will hit about as good as O'Leary," said the scout, "and he will be the sensation of the league infield. Why, that kid played in 87 games without ever making an error."

"How many games?" asked Hughie.

"Eighty-seven."

"Then I don't want any part of him," said Hughie, "if he has played that many games without making an error, then he isn't going after the hard ones."

Then there was the Scotchman who was born in this country to save transportation.

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