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PROBLEMS OF ADVANCING CIVILIZATION

New gadgets which make living easier bring new problems. No civilization has ever found a place where the oars of progress can be rested. The automobile has probably brought about the most radical changes which people living in the last half century will have to face. We are quite sure that none of us would want to go back to the horse and buggy days, which in reality were days of harder living.

Those who were fortunate enough to hear the address of Gerald A. Wendt, editorial manager of Science Illustrated before the Knife and Fork club at Eugene last week were brought new thoughts on what we face as we enter the atomic age. We speak of the word "enter", which is the correct term according to Dr. Wendt, since we have not yet been able to convert the atom to a peace time use and the prospects are that we won't for at least twenty-five years.

The two problems we face at the present time is the prospect of a greater population of oldsters or people who have reached the age of what is ordinarily termed as non-productive and the fact that as we have developed more time saving devices, we have more leisure time.

Regarding old people, life expectancy has been increased about forty years since the time of the Roman empire and is still going up. Now the average individual can expect to see three score and ten years and within the next twenty years another ten years will be added to the life expectancy. The problem in connection with the increased age is of course providing proper care for those unable to care for themselves without throwing too much of a burden on those that have to provide this care. Old age pensions are comparatively a new thing, but coming generations will never be free of this obligation.

Labor saving devices have lightened the labor burdens and shortened our working hours. The average individual can look forward to more leisure time, and our welfare will be vitally affected in the manner in which this leisure time is used. More emphasis will be placed on recreational facilities. Our leisure time can be profitably employed or it may prove to be detrimental.

The shortage of labor is the mother of the so-called labor saving devices, which in times of scarcity is not felt. It is when we try to adjust ourselves to peace time activity that we may feel the effects of a mechanical device that has replaced the human hand. We think with Dr. Wendt that the proper adjustment to this condition is the gravest threat to our individual as well as our national welfare. We are afraid that some of our present policies are going to be found short-sighted when measured over a period of years.

Already the national grange and others are interested in developing a panacea for the so-called depression. There is no question in our minds but that a period of bad times can be scotched before it starts, but there is a question as to whether the people would be able to follow out the remedy suggested, more especially if it proved to be a hardship temporarily or cramped our style.

WHO ELECTED HARRY TRUMAN?

Ever since the election, some of the more prominent labor leaders have been claiming that the unions elected Mr. Truman. According to them, the biggest single issue was the Taft-Hartley Act.

That will take a good deal of proving to anyone who has made even a cursory examination of the final returns. Governor Dewey ran strongly in the industrial states, where the labor vote is proportionately largest, and carried most of them. The President, on the other hand, did extremely well in the agricultural regions where organized labor amounts to a small minority of the population.

Arizona provides the most interesting example. Mr. Truman carried it easily. Yet, at the same time, the voters approved a measure outlawing the closed shop. That certainly doesn't look as if the people want labor to hold the whip hand over the government or the people.

Mr. Truman does not owe his remarkable success to any group or any class. He wasn't elected by labor or capital or agriculture or any other segment of the nation. He was elected by the American people, and he is the President of all the people. He doesn't even owe allegiance to the Democratic leaders—most of them deserted him when they thought his cause was lost, and he won in spite of these unadmirable defections.

Harry S. Truman has a chance to go down in history as one of the great Presidents—as a man who, when the world was torn between slavery and freedom, stood staunchly for the liberties of mankind, and was too big to admit allegiance to special interests of any kind. The whole civilized world hopes that he may measure up to the enormous responsibilities that have fallen upon him. He has a chance now to rise above group prejudice or group selfishness.

WE NEVER GET AWAY FROM BELIEVING IN SANTA CLAUS

An analysis of some of the election results convinces us that there are some voters who can't quite shake their belief in Santa Claus and who still expect miracles from any form of government. A case in point is found in the November 2nd election when voters approved a measure to reduce state income taxes and at the same time voted for the old age pension measure.

Perhaps it's the same motive which impels us as that which makes the gambler continue to gamble after he loses his shirt or the slot machine operator who continues to feed money into the machine hoping that the 4,000 to 1 break will come his way. A number of candidates have been elected to state and national offices who were liberal in their promises of benefits and at the same time pledged themselves to the reduction of government expense and taxes. A little thought on the matter it seems to us might make us vote differently, but a lot of vote casting is evidently on the wishful thinking basis.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

When President Truman came out for repeal of the Taft-Hartley act, the only mystery was that everyone failed to realize that the election was over. What Governor Dewey said or failed to say or what the republican party stood for counted not one whit.

The republicans have much to be thankful for. They should be wearing broad grins, slapping each other on the back, and passing around cigars. Thank goodness, a democratic administration backed by a democratic congress will for once have to take the full blame for its own acts, and when the inevitable bust comes it will fall upon those responsible. Of course there is the chance that we may have some more war prosperity, paid for with the broken minds and bodies of our youth.

But it is going to be a lot pleasanter for republicans to watch President Truman and his assistants try to balance themselves upon a powder keg than it would be to watch Dewey and his bunch attempting the same feat. Every four years we are told the republican party is dead, but Dewey received about the same number of votes in 1948 as in 1944 and as Willkie got in 1940. Twenty-two million is a lot of dead people. However, if the republicans left in congress can't sit back and let the democrats run their own administration, forgetting their mania for saving the people who don't want to be saved and coming to the assistance of the democrats every time they squall for help only to have their sincere efforts to help used by the democrats to bash in their teeth, making certain that the Taft-Hartley act is repealed, not amended, thus leaving absolutely nothing for the democrats to hang upon the republicans, or if they are stampeded into gallivanting off after such self-styled "liberal republicans" as the Register-Guard's own Senator Morse and his pale pink democraticism, then indeed the G. O. P. is dead right now and we had better bury the elephant and forget it. Speaking of the Register-Guard, how much longer are Lane county voters going to allow a daily newspaper to run their county? A few months ago you voted down the county manager system, yet at the November election you voted in two measures which are plain county management. When the realization of the meaning of the county zoning act dawned upon the populace, there will be a hot time in Lane county. And if the old age pension measure was inoperable for want of funds until they could be voted for, why is not the county zoning act unconstitutional and inoperable for the same reason?

Just why did George Neuner wait until after the election was over before judging the old age pension unconstitutional, inoperable, etc? Was he afraid of losing the election, or was he asleep and didn't know what was on the ballot? It might be wiser if the smart alecks who are so opposed to the pension realized that they are no longer fighting a few helpless, bewildered old people, they are fighting the majority of Oregon voters who resent the opposition of the few. Had Governor Hall cared to do so he could have called a special session of the legislature or appointed a committee to revise the measure and iron out difficulties before presenting it to the next legislature. But Governor Hall was indifferent. We should remember that Charles Sprague, as usual, was the only man of prominence in the state who cared what happened to the oldsters. I am neither ashamed, sorry, nor scared that I voted for the pension, and the fact that I also voted for the tax measures signifies nothing, for they had no connection whatever with the pension bill. I realized, as many others must have done, that the measure was not very well planned, but on my ballot it carried.

Several national magazines have published articles about plans being formulated by the experts, concerning total mobilization in the event of another war and some bills have even been suggested for congressional consideration.

Control of every possible kind would be necessary, so the fable goes, control of production, control of labor, control of transportation, and above all control of press and radio by the military would be essential for our security.

Everybody from 16 to 60 would be given a number and channeled to production in the war effort where and when the security experts deemed it necessary.

Security seems to be a magic word these days. Everybody wants it so bad it seems we might even be willing to swap freedom for it. The very thought of such slave control should give every individual a stronger determination to win the peace, for another war for any cause will bring us what we sought to free the world from before.

The banks are seeking a law now to close on Saturdays too—with all the excuses they already have to close, it seems like they might just publish notices in local papers so the customers know what day of the month or week they will be open.

LAYMEN'S LEAGUE MEET
E. L. Clark presided at the Monday evening gathering of the group at the Assembly of God. Satisfaction was expressed at the results of the recent city election. A round table discussion on ways in which the league might help in making for a better Cottage Grove was held. The next meeting will be the first Wednesday night in January and invited guests will be the new mayor and council. It will be held in the First Christian church.

UNITED NATIONS IN ACTION

Peoples of Trust Territories

Are new schools being built fast enough in the war ravaged villages of New Guinea? Is the plantation worker in Rabaul getting an adequate wage? Are there enough doctors in Ruanda-Urundi to cure successfully the endless campaigns against malaria, dysentery and other diseases, that sap the health and energy of the natives?

It has been a primary concern of the U.N. Trusteeship Council to ask these and many other questions and, through careful study of the replies, to formulate a picture of everyday life, the needs, the cares and the progress of about fifteen million men, women and children who are wards of the United Nations. They are the indigenous populations of three of the Trust Territories, grouped at opposite sides of the globe in Africa, and the Western Pacific, which have now been placed under the International Trusteeship System of the United Nations.

The main purpose of the system is to promote the political, economic, social and educational advancement of the inhabitants of these territories and their progressive development toward self-government and independence. To achieve these goals the U.N. Trusteeship Council, under whose au-

thority the system operates, considers the annual reports which the Administering Authorities have to submit on the administration of the Trust Territories. It formulates questionnaires on the basis of which the Administering Authorities have to submit their reports. It accepts petitions and examines them and also undertakes periodic visits to the respective Trust Territories.

The Trusteeship Council has already achieved progress in its supervisory task. The recommendations of a special mission to Western Samoa, for example, in conjunction with the plans of New Zealand as the Administering Authority, have been followed by constitutional reforms opening wider the door to self government by the Samoan people. Another mission visited Tanganyika this year, the largest of the U.N. Trust Territories, and the adjacent territory of Ruanda-Urundi. Other groups will be sent year by year to see for themselves, and for the Council as a whole, the conditions under which many millions of wards live; to learn their needs and aspirations; and to help the governments which have accepted the responsibility for them to bring these peoples steadily to full and equal participation in a peaceful and prosperous family of nations.

George O. White, 69, Died Nov. 22

George Owen White, 69, of 15 South River Road passed away at his home Monday, November 22. He was born April 24, 1879 in Iowa, and married in Thedford, Nebraska, June 29, 1921. He had been a resident of Oregon since 1931, coming here from Creswell. He was a member of the Free Methodist church.

Survivors include his widow Nama; three sons, Robert White, Disston, David White, at home, Corporal Luther White, U. S. Army in the Philippines; one daughter, Mrs. Don Robinson, Mapleton, Minnesota; four grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Cynthia Nelson, Wichita, Kansas.

Funeral arrangements will be announced later by Mills Mortuary.

4-H Club Leaders Elect Officers

Officers for the coming year were elected at the Lane County 4-H Leaders meeting held Saturday, November 20th at the 4-H club building on the fair grounds.

Earl Jager of Junction City, was elected president. He is the first man to hold the presidency of this organization which was organized in 1922. Mr. Jager has led livestock clubs for four years in his community and served as vice-president of the leaders' association this past year.

Other officers elected were Mrs. Carl Peterson of Noti, vice-president; Mrs. T. P. Otto of Eugene, was elected secretary-treasurer. Directors elected were S. T. Rose, Springfield; Ed Steinhauer, Clatskanie; Mrs. Allen Wheeler, Creswell; and George Woodworth of Cottage Grove.

Fred Knox Heads Lane Co. Council

The 35th annual meeting of Lane County Agricultural Council was held recently and Fred G. Knox of Eugene was re-elected president of the group. Also re-elected were Ernest E. Schrenk, Creswell, vice-president; and C. B. Flanagan, Junction City, secretary-treasurer.

Four executive committeemen were elected: H. H. Myers, Springfield; William J. James, Eugene; Ray Bowers, Eugene; and Major Schneider, Junction City.

County Extension Agents O. S. Fletcher and W. B. Parker, and project committee chairmen reported on work completed during the past year by extension agents in cooperation with the council.

Following the reports, those present voted to have Knox appoint project committeemen to prepare programs of work for next year and report at a special meeting to be called early in January.

J. R. Beck, assistant director of extension, spoke on "25 years of Agriculture in Oregon." He complimented the Lane County Council on 35 years of agricultural planning in the county.

Vet Loan Program To Be Going Soon

The Oregon World War II veterans' farm and home loan program, temporarily slowed down due to a shortage of funds, should be going full swing again by the first of January. Director William F. Gaarenstroom of the state Department of Veterans' Affairs declared today.

There was good news also for a class of veterans heretofore deemed ineligible for the popular \$6000, four per cent loan to buy farms and homes in Oregon. State Attorney General George Neuner ruled on Nov. 8 that lack of citizenship is no bar to eligibility for the loan provided non-citizens were bona fide Oregon residents before entering the armed forces in World War II, and served 90 days or more.

Gaarenstroom's prediction was based on recent action of the department's seven-man advisory committee which approved the re-advertising of \$2,000,000 of bonds to finance the loan program after a scheduled sale on Nov. 5 failed to attract bond buyers.

D. P. Potter Issues Arkansas Book

"Goin to See My Ma," a small book about life in the Ozarks has recently been published by D. P. Potter, a local resident.

The story revolves around Katy Did, a reforming wife, who has decided that she will not chop the wood, bring in the water and feed the hawks while Esquire cartoon husband, John Did fishes or sleeps his life away. Katy goes home to ma, a repulsive tobacco chewing old wench, who also has a bum of a husband, and together they succeed in a double reformation and live happily ever after.

HANDS COMPLETES COURSE
Donald D. Hands, electronics technician, third class, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy S. Hands of Route 1, Cottage Grove, Oregon, has successfully completed a course of instruction at the Electronics school, located at Treasure Island, San Francisco, Calif.

Hands entered the naval service July 31, 1947, and received his recruit training at the Naval Training Center, San Diego, Calif. Before entering the navy, he was employed by Northwest Lumber Co., Cottage Grove, Oregon.

BIRTH

ELENBERGER — At the Butler maternity home, Wednesday, November 24, 1948, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Elenberger, Drain, a daughter, Alice Kay.

DICKSON — At the Butler maternity home, Monday, November 22, 1948, to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dickson, Drain, a son, Wayne Arleigh.

VROMAN — At the Butler maternity home, Saturday, November 20, 1948, to Mr. and Mrs. Cyrenus Vroman, Yoncalla, a son, Donald Lee.

KASTRAVA — At the Butler maternity home, Thursday, November 18, 1948, to Mr. and Mrs. John Kastrava, Cottage Grove, a son, John Daryl.

KELLOGG — At the Butler maternity home, Thursday, November 18, 1948, to Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Kellogg, Yoncalla, a son, Delbert Eugene.

EASTHAM — At the Smith maternity hospital, Thursday, November 18, 1948, to Mr. and Mrs. William Eastham, Cottage Grove, a son, William Wesley.

MYERS — At the Smith maternity hospital, Thursday, November 18, 1948, to Mr. and Mrs. Delmer Myers, Lorane route, Cottage Grove, a son, Arlon Ralph.

SEAMAN — At the Smith maternity hospital, Friday, November 19, 1948, to Mr. and Mrs. Glen Seaman, Cottage Grove, a daughter, Donna Colleen.

The happiness of your life depends upon the quality of your thoughts, therefore guard accordingly; and take care that you entertain no notions unsuitable to virtue and reasonable nature.

— Marcus Antonius



by GENE WARE

Toy inventors (if you can call them that), have done themselves proud this year. When Mom was a girl, a doll was just a doll. But now a doll breathes, eats, laughs and cries. And think of the other things that'll find their way under Christmas trees. Tiny refrigerators that really work, submarines that sink to the bottom of the tub and then fire little torpedoes, and electric trains that look and act so real that Junior will have a hard time getting it away from Dad. But Dad can always practice taking pictures with his new wristwatch camera. Next year they'll probably come out with a set for making small, harmless atom bombs for home use. Whoever said, "There's nothing new under the sun", certainly didn't take the toy makers into consideration.

This is the time of the year we give Thanks for all the many things we have been thankful for all year. We sincerely appreciate all our wonderful customers and friends and want to express our thanks for your patronage.

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Mrs. Lillian Link passed away Monday morning at the home of her son R. P. Bash, after several months illness.

Clifford Stewart enlisted for three years with the First Infantry Division in Europe.

Frank Clark went to Milton, Oregon over the week end to attend the golden wedding anniversary of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Loren Clark.

Mrs. Harry Kopperman was taken to a hospital in Eugene Saturday for treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Sovrens and children of Eugene spent Sunday at the Harry Laird home.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Willey of Roseburg were overnight guests at the Lowell Benston home this week.

Mrs. Harold Laird was ill for several days last week.

Mrs. Dale Thompson and children are spending a couple of days this week at the Fred Bales home at Dorena.

Several of the high school students from here visited the grade school during the high school teachers' institute.

Mrs. McDonald stopped over a few days at the H. O. Laird home, enroute from Wyoming to her home at Arcadia, California.

Goldie and Earl Hayes and Cliff Hiner of Cottage Grove and Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Benston spent the week end at Hiner's cabin at Winchester Bay.

JUNIORS WORKING TOWARD PROM

The junior class members of Cottage Grove Union High school are working on their annual magazine subscription drive to earn

money for their junior-senior banquet and prom. Curtis Publications are featured and the class gets the agents' profits.

The subscription drive will be held from November 22 to December 6th. All authorized salesmen have identification cards signed by either Roger Peterson or Lottie Lee Lamb, class advisors.

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