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Good Times, But No Boom

"Times Ahead to Be Best Ever."
That is the title of a highly optimistic article in the December 17 issue of U. S. News & World Report. The general substance of it is found in the opening paragraph: "The American people's standard of living keeps rising. Over the years, in spite of high prices and high taxes, the average family has been able to afford more and more luxuries, better food, more vacations, a better house. That trend of the past is to continue in years ahead. . . . In 1955, the standard of living—measured by 'real' income—will hit another all-time high. "Real" income is predicated upon the amount of goods and services one's earnings will buy, after taxes.

There are obvious hazards in any economic forecast, as many an expert has learned to his sorrow. But the story that U. S. News tells in brief form is certainly an impressive one.

In a single decade, for instance, living standards have gone up 25 percent. Many people once feared that our population would grow faster than our economy, which, of course, would have meant a drop in per capita income and a resultant decline in living standards. But the opposite happened instead. We have a greater number of non-earners than ever, which means that the earners must support more people. Still, the rise in "real" income has more than offset that, and by a substantial and growing margin.

In 1947, says U. S. News, per capita spending for personal consumption (based on constant 1953 dollars) was \$1,339. In 1950 it was \$1,402. Last year it was an estimated \$1,434.

The most obvious measurement of living standards is found in our material possessions. And here, despite wars and inflation and everything else, we have been going ahead at a great rate. Where 79 percent of the homes had electricity in 1940, practically all have it now. Only 40 percent of the homes had mechanical refrigeration in 1940—now the figure is 90 percent. Seventy percent of our families today have cars, as against 50 percent in 1940. In the same period, the percentage with telephones has almost doubled. So it goes, down an almost endless list.

Home ownership is another big barometer to economists. Last year some 59.3 percent of the families owned their homes, while only 43.6 percent did in 1940.

There have been big improvements in the average family diet too. U. S. News cites red-meat consumption—officially estimated at 146.8 pounds per capita last year as compared with 134 pounds in 1940. Milk consumption is also up, and sales of poultry products have been running at record volume.

Fewer new clothes are being bought. But, the magazine says, they are of better quality. The chemically-produced fabrics, such as rayon and nylon, are being bought at twice the 1940 rate.

People are enjoying more recreation and better medical care too. To quote U. S. News once more, "The trend toward improved living standards, in fact, appears nearly everywhere, despite the big increase in the non-working population and the larger size of young American families."

Seekers of Contributions

Nearly every newspaper and many individuals are being flooded with requests for contributions. One of the requests coming to our desk was that of four people in the Portland area, convicted of contempt of congress in the Veldt committee hearings held at Portland during the past year. Pictures of the four individuals were included in the appeal.

These individuals, the appeal said, objected to questions being asked about what school they attended and about their family life. What the appeal was careful to avoid was just one question and this question was, "Whether or not you have ever been a member of the communist party?" This is the reason the four are being held in contempt of congress and is a question most any loyal American would be glad to answer.

Another request for a donation comes from the headquarters of the "Fighting Home Folks of the Fighting Men," with headquarters in Glenwood Springs, Colo., an organization allegedly dedicated to the liberation of all servicemen now held by the reds. The organization is asking \$1,000,000 for the life of each man held. The immediate aim of the organization is to liberate all men held captive by the reds. Signers are asked to pledge \$20.00 to carry the fight to the courts.

The organization alleges that neither Mr. Truman nor Mr. Eisenhower nor the UN would see the 83 mothers of the captive GI's.

What the organization does not tell the public is that such efforts might lead to World War III and the destruction of half of America. In this we are quoting from the remarks made by Richard Neuberger, Oregon's newly elected senator, in a speech made here last month. Liberation of any men now held by the communists is a worthy cause, provided the cost is not too high, nor the risk too great. In a case of this kind, the judgment of President Eisenhower must be accepted for he has access to a great deal of information not known to the public.

Post Office Department Will Issue New Commemorative Stamp in January

The U. S. Post Office Department will issue a three-cent stamp to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts through the Philadelphia, Pa., post office, on January 15, 1955, according to a postal bulletin received here this week.

The stamp is being issued on the occasion of the opening of the special exhibition in connection with the Sesquicentennial Celebration of The Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts.

The brown stamp will be 0.84 by 1.44 inches in dimensions, arranged vertically in a double outline shaded frame, printed by the rotary process, electric-eye perforated, and issued in sheets of 50. The printing of 115,000,000 stamps has been authorized.

The overall design of the stamp is a reproduction of the painting entitled "Peale in His Museum," an original self-portrait by Charles Willson Peale, now in the possession of the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts.

Arranged in four lines at the top of the stamp appears the lettering "U. S. Postage" in modified white face Gothic and "150th Anniversary The Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts" in white face Gothic.

Stamp collectors and dealers desiring first-day cancellations of the stamp may send a reasonable number of addressed envelopes to the Postmaster, Philadelphia, Pa., with money-order remittance to cover the cost of the stamps to be affixed. Postage stamps and personal checks will not be accepted.

THE BEST YEAR YET!



Faith in the Future

As we enter into 1955, our faith in the future of our country and our economy can make this "the best year yet." We must have an atmosphere which encourages confidence and that faith . . . an atmosphere in which men are inspired to try and try again, secure in the knowledge that they will not be despoiled of the fruits of success either by confiscatory taxation or by the more insidious method of monetary inflation.

A greater understanding of how our free economy operates is essential in order to overcome the economic fallacies which beset the nation and to promote the acceptance of sound, proven economic principles which are necessary for making 1955 "the best year yet."

Bohemia

(Some of its early history)
(By Ray Nelson)

Chapter 15 "The Other Mines Between the Wars"

During the early 1930's, the cost of materials and labor was low, and by government order the price of gold was raised to \$35 per ounce. A new method of saving metals, called "flotation," was perfected. These things resulted in the reopening of mines, all over the country. In Bohemia, the Noonday, Helena, Champion and Musick were thus made productive again.

NOONDAY—The last work had been in 1916, 17 and 18 when Albert Hellwell and John Coffman made several shipments of ore to the Selby smelter in California. In 1934 a small flotation mill was built at the lower tunnel, the mine reopened and the property produced some \$50,000 while operated by the Grouse Mt. Mining Co. Operations were continued by K. O. Watkins, who had become interested in the district. Ore was mined in 1936 and 1937, and in 1939 H & H Mines bought the property and started development work in connection with the Champion.

HELENA—This mine was purchased in the early 1930's by L. M. Capps of Idaho. Prospecting and development opened extensive base ores, and in 1935 Dale Wyatt organized the Helena Mines Co. and built a 34-ton flotation mill. Ore worth \$35,000 was produced in '35 and '36, and in '37 under W. G. Reeves the property produced \$85,000. The Mines Service Co. in 1938 and 1939 produced ore in 1938 and 1939, and then the mine was idled by high cost of operation and government prohibition of gold mining during World War II.

MUSICK—West Coast Mines Co. sold the Musick to Capps of Idaho in 1921. Nothing of consequence was done until gold went up in price. In 1935 the Minerals Exploration Co. leased the claims and built a concentrating flotation plant, which operated during 1936 and 1937. Rich base ores of copper, lead, zinc, gold and silver were mined and milled. The production during these years was \$101,000. In 1939 H & H Mines leased the Musick to run in connection with their other mines. Ore had been worked out, down to the lowest tunnel level, but by sinking a shaft, and running a lower level, it was found that excellent ore extended on down into the mountain. Then, as with the other mines, the war intervened. All gold mining was ordered stopped, notwithstanding the huge tonnage of copper, lead and zinc available, which was now being saved by flotation, and once more the Musick lay sleeping in the shadow of old Bohemia Mountain.

Next week "All the Bohemia Mines—1945 to date."

Course in Contemporary Problems to Be Offered By Gen. Extension Div.

A course entitled Contemporary Problems will be offered by the General Extension Division winter term in Cottage Grove, starting Tuesday, January 4. This is a study of modern social, political and economic problems from the standpoint of sociology, economics, psychology, biology, genetics and the interference of civilization with the processes of natural selection. Dr. Clara Simerville will be the instructor. The class will be held in the Jefferson School, 7 to 9:45 p.m. and will run for ten weeks. The fee is \$18.00, payable at the first or second class meeting. The public is cordially invited to attend the first meeting without charge.

Dorena Doings

By Ruth F. St. Clair
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DORENA—Ruth Poole returned from the Veterans' hospital in Portland Sunday to spend a week, after which she will return to the hospital for further treatment.

A large group of local residents enjoyed a New Year's Eve dance at the Community hall. Music for dancing was furnished by Mr. and Mrs. Frank LaBlue, L. D. Long and Mrs. Howard Raymond.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Darnwood of Gold Beach, returned to their home Wednesday after spending three days visiting at the William Preston home.

Christmas visitors at the home of Mrs. Minnie Wagner were Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Wagner and family of Klamath Falls, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wagner of Eugene.

Mr. and Mrs. John Chapman and Mrs. Elwood Hancock and daughters of Eugene, were Christmas guests at the Arthur Bales home.

Mrs. Victoria Burnett of Shelton, Wash., arrived Sunday to spend several days visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. Otto Howerton, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Brewer of Winchester were also visitors at the Howerton home on Sunday.

The Dorena Grange play will be presented at the Dorena Grange hall on Saturday evening, January 8.

Melvin St. Clair of Bandon returned to his home Wednesday after spending Christmas at the Ralph Ross home.

Mrs. R. R. Haigh spent the holiday week at Longview, Wash., visiting with relatives. Clifford Lyon visited with his father in Portland over the holidays. Mr. Haigh brought them home last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mallin and Woody spent Christmas week visiting with relatives and friends in Camas and Longview, Wash. They returned to their home Sunday.

Mrs. Francis Ryel spent several days this week in the Cottage Grove hospital.

DELIGHT VALLEY—Guests for New Year's Day breakfast at the E. G. Sherrill home were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Marks of Eugene.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Sherrill, Shirley and Carrie Lou, motored to Corvallis on New Year's Day where they spent dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Newton (Shirley Arne). Mrs. Mary Arne of Eugene also attended the dinner.

Jean Ellen Sherrill was a guest at the Joseph Crepeau home on New Year's Day.

George Stratton of Creswell was a visitor at the Sherrill home on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stone and children, Mrs. Viola Stone and Bucky Stone were callers at the Dubray home at Finn Rock on New Year's Day.

Sunday visitors at the Roy Stone home were Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Lund of Finn Rock.

The Dorena Grange will present a four act play, "Arizona Cowboy," at the Grange hall on January 8 at 8 p.m. Ticket prices are 65c for adults and 35c for children under 12. Adult tickets may be purchased from Ellen Sherrill or at the door. Children's tickets will be sold following the program.

I wish to take this opportunity to wish all of my readers the best year each has ever had.

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Oregon's Colleges Will Face Double Enrollment in '64

Oregon is the third ranking state in the nation in percentage of increased births from 1933 to 1953 and a doubling of collegiate enrollments which will hit nationally in 20 years will strike Oregon within the decade, Chancellor Charles D. Lyne has indicated in his biennial report transmitted to the Governor recently.

Reviewing the biennium at Lyne's end, the Chancellor said the most noteworthy characteristics for the state system of higher education, comprising all state-supported higher education, were:

"The termination of combat in Korea had a stabilizing effect on the students even though the certainty of active service for most students continues. Scholarship as a result was of comparatively high order.

Low Enrollment
"The somewhat lower plateau of enrollment following the abnormal post-war upsurge and preceding the anticipated 'war baby' and immigration rush to college, made possible reasonable teaching loads for the faculties, although in some subject-matter areas, excessive faculty-student ratios still prevail. This enhanced the quality of instruction and encouraged research by faculty production and research in the fields.

"Probably in no period of Oregon's higher education has there been such marked improvement in staff personnel, made possible by the termination of war baby study for staff members under the Board's policy on sabbatical leave; and also by some improvement in our competitive salary situation in holding superior staff replacement and in obtaining good replacement in those areas."

"Facilities for instruction—classrooms, laboratories, and equipment—for the first time in a decade approached adequacy for the size of the student bodies and made possible thoughtful planning for the immediate and distant future to care for the enrollment upturn already begun."

"And finally, the two-year period beset with fewer crises, frustrations, and uncertainties in both faculties and student bodies produced a commendable era of enthusiasm, cooperation, and good spirit within the institutions and in the state system as a whole."

Enrollment Increases
The enrollments in the state system jumped 14 per cent in the fall of 1954 from that of the previous year and the biennial budget to be presented to the Legislature is based on estimated increases of 7.6 per cent in the fall of 1955 and eight per cent in the fall of 1956. By 1962 it is predicted there will be 25,752 students enrolled in state institutions, the Chancellor declared.

Of the biennial budget for higher education before the Legislature, 23 per cent will come from non-state tax funds such as fees, gifts and grants, sales and direct receipts. The instructional budget is made up of 20 per cent non-tax funds, the agricultural research budget 37 per cent, the cooperative extension 43 per cent, and the hospitals and clinics 18 1/2 per cent.

Resources Diminish
"In higher education, the non-state resources have diminished with the exit from the campus of the federally-supported veteran of World War II. Competition for staff has come from industry and government in heretofore unknown proportions. New academic horizons with their necessary equipment in such fields as physics, electronics, engineering, agriculture and chemistry have meant increased costs. Enlarged higher education clientele for the future is inevitable barring an all-out war. These students are now occupying classes in high and grade schools," the Chancellor pointed out.

"Indicating an awareness of heavy demands from other state departments for their due of the resources of the state, the Chancellor said: 'The state of Oregon looks ahead to a period of further growth and development in the decade ahead. New industries are sought. Highways, public schools, custodial institutions, welfare, and many other agencies will require added support to do the kind of job the people of the state have indicated they want done. All departments of government must be realistic in outlining their needs and recommend the undertaking of no activity for which there has not been an ample demonstration of need.'"

London WCTU
The London WCTU will meet January 7, at 2 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Arden Powell, postponed from the January 5 date.

Being a good listener can be overcome as your reporter learned by a whisper from laryngitis over the New Year's weekend, with being unable to talk for two whole days.

Mr. and Mrs. Elvis Kelly expected to leave Tuesday to spend a few days in California with Mrs. Kelly's father, who was ill.

Wedding Shower
A bridal shower was given by Mrs. Carl Small and friends at the community for Patty Picknell at the Martin clubhouse December 28. Miss Picknell is the bride-elect of Keith Campbell. An assortment of lovely gifts were received by the honored guest. Ice cream, cake and coffee were

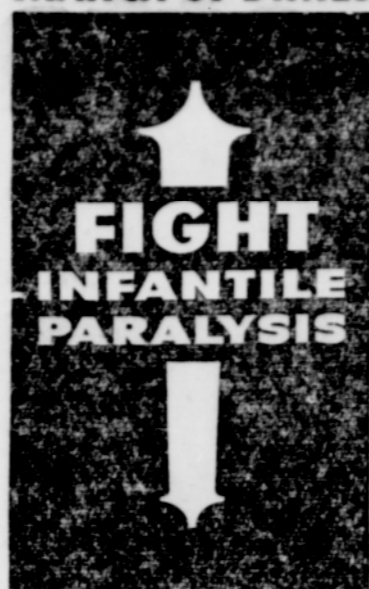
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American Cancer Society

MARCH OF DIMES



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Fire Protection To Be Available For London Soon

By Mrs. Gale Roby
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LONDON—Mrs. Roy Kells and children, Carolyn, Oda and baby David, of Blackbutte, went by bus to spend Christmas and Christmas week with her parents near Salem, returning home Sunday.

Mrs. Brewer and baby son, born Thursday, December 30, at Cottage Grove hospital, returned home Sunday and were being cared for by a sister-in-law from Cottage Grove. Recent newcomers here from the Midwest, the Brewer family moved to the Marion Lyon place early last week.

Claude Abeene, who was ill last week with a near-pneumonia condition, is better this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Abeene entertained at their home for a family gathering that included Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hess, Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne Hess and daughter Darla, of Cottage Grove; Mr. and Mrs. Claris Abeene and Dale, Mr. and Mrs. Julian Small, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Garman and Marty, Mrs. Thena Miller and Joe Abeene of Cottage Grove.

Kelvis Entertain

Mr. and Mrs. Elvis Kelly entertained 23 relatives for Christmas dinner that included Mr. and Mrs. Jess Loomis of Monroe; Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Jesse and two children, and Mrs. Grace Hall of Eugene; Mr. and Mrs. Bert Dawley, Mr. and Mrs. William Perini and Mrs. Emma Kelly, all of Mt. View; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dawley and Janet, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Fix, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Kelly and son, Gregory, and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Kelly, all of Cottage Grove.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Darby and family visited over the holidays with friends and relatives in the community, coming from Corvallis.

Baby Shower

A pink and blue baby shower was given December 30 by Mrs. Frank Stalder at her home for Mrs. Don Magnusson (Doris Raiser). A number who could not attend, sent gifts. The afternoon was spent with baby games, cake, refreshments of ice cream, coffee and punch were served. Mr. and Mrs. Magnusson and two small children, recently moved to Cottage Grove from Blackbutte.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. McKay returned late Friday from ten days spent over the Christmas holiday at LaGrande, visiting Mrs. McKay's son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wendling and two granddaughters. The weather was very cold with a low of 5 degrees, and only one day while they were there, above freezing.

Mr. and Mrs. James Black attended the funeral at Junction City December 31, for Mr. Black's mother.

Mrs. Dean Martin and Mrs. C. L. Powell plan to attend the funeral at Noti, January 5, of their aunt by marriage, Mrs. Rose Warthen, Mrs. Warthen, who died at Wolf Creek, was a life-long resident of the Noti vicinity and was in her 80's and had been ill for some time.

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served. The young couple announced their wedding date at Hebron Church Sunday and invited all their friends in the community to attend their wedding January 16, at the Sixth and Gibbs Church of Christ in Cottage Grove at 2 p.m.
London Literary Society
Holds Watch Party
A New Year's Eve watch party was held Friday night by London Literary Society at the Martin clubhouse. A business meeting was held, with president Gale Roby, presiding. Mrs. Archie Powell substituted as secretary in the absence of Mrs. R. C. McKay. Archie Powell reported for the rural fire protection committee that met last week with the National Fire Co. representative in Eugene, where methods of fire protection and various equipment were shown from a small indoor fire to an outside big blaze.

A demonstration, it was explained, was an expense to the company and it was preferred the actual acquirement of chemical equipment was ready, when a representative would bring the equipment for community instructions on how to use. Equipment suggested would be an insurance investment that would last indefinitely as protection to the entire community. However, it was thought best to include only London school district.

Mrs. C. L. Powell volunteered to cover the old Blackbutte school district #81, which takes in the upper community down the river to the Orville Hodge place, where she will make personal calls on established property owners for explanation of the fire protection equipment. The lower community will be contacted by the fire committee in view to a community meeting. Reports will be ready by the January 28 Literary meeting.

A program included a song, led by Cliff Foster; pencil games, also likes and dislikes for a personality sketch; Mrs. Cliff Foster gave a recitation and a song was sung by Jolene and Karen Roby. After the program, unaware of their audience, a group of three to six-year-olds gave their own interpretation before the fireplace of Christmas carols, led by Danny Foster.

Hamburgers were served by the men as was potato salad, punch and coffee. Serving at the January 28 meeting will be Dean and Don Martin. Program Mrs. Foster, Mrs. C. L. Powell, Christmas gift exchange and "Unknown friends" gifts were held with the usual surprises.

Mount View Ramblings
By Mrs. Walter N. Dowens
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MOUNT VIEW—Mr. and Mrs. Glen Gillispie and Kathleen visited on Thursday at Winston at the Johnson home.

Kathleen Gillispie, Linda Griffith and Carol Roddy were guests on Monday at the Sacred Heart hospital school of nursing, and toured the hospital and nurses homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Heath visited several days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mosby, at Potter Valley, Calif., and attended the East-West football game on New Year's.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Swan and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Swan, to Superior, Mont., over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Gillispie, Kathleen and Stephen and Ora Sherwood, were dinner guests New Year's day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Inley of Lorane.

Don't forget the Mount View Extension Unit meeting on Friday, January 14. The lesson will be on "Appetizing Meals," with Alice Pichl and Florence Stanley as leaders.

The following neighbors have been on the sick list over the holidays: A. B. Cochrane and Mary and Jeanette Carlisle. They are now somewhat improved. C. B. Sears is also still recuperating in the Cottage Grove hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Mosby and family of Eagle Point were Sunday guests at the home of Mr. Mosby's mother, Mrs. Marguerite Mosby.

God be merciful to me a sinner.
—New Testament

Heavy Rains Cause Road Slide Near Curtin

By Mrs. Ruby Meacham
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CURTIN—The heavy rains last week caused a slide on the Bear Creek road just east of Curtin. The slide occurred on the lower side of the road and pushed the new addition on the Jim Rice home over 34 inches, twisting it off the foundation.

Pvt. Albert Gosh came home from Fort Lewis, Wash., over the New Year weekend and Pvt. Haskell Black came home also from Fort Ord, Calif., for the weekend. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Bellman of Newport Beach, Calif., surprised Mr. and Mrs. Sowles Thursday. It has been 35 years since they had seen each other. Before moving to California, Mr. Bellman had been associated with the United States National Bank in Eugene. Mr. and Mrs. Bellman both attended high school where the City Hall in Eugene is now located. Other guests at the Sowles home during the week were Mr. and Mrs. George Keefover of Albany, niece of Mrs. Sowles, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Hill of Cottage Grove, Mrs. Golden Kruse of Yoncalla, sister of Mr. Sowles, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Fritch and daughters, Patty and Faye, spent Christmas with Mrs. Fritch's father and mother. Mr. and Mrs. Sowles, Faye stayed and spent the week with her grandparents. Mrs. Sowles took Faye home to Rogue River Saturday, also Mr. Sowles, who is completing the builtins for the Fritch's new home.

Patty Thompson has accepted a job as receptionist in an accountant's office in Grants Pass and was surprised to find four others that had been born and raised in Cottage Grove employed in the same office.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Satterfield has been brought home from the hospital a second time now and seems improved.

All growth that is not toward God, is growing to decay.
—George Macdonald

Phone 224-R N. 99 Hiway
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"Cantwell's"
"Fuel for Man or Car"

Friends we are now beginning a new year and it will mean to each of us just what we expect of it. If you expect gloom and despair, that you shall reap. If you look for failure you have already failed. If you are seeking success and happiness, you will find it. For each of these are dependent and are the fruits of inward thinking and spiritual condition.

Proof of success is not always dependent on a bank account and deed property, but on little deeds of kindness, words of encouragement, inspiring others in a spiritual growth that will conquer the adversities of this life.

May each of us face the years ahead not with the thought of what we can obtain from this life but rather, what can we contribute to it, that others may be able to truly say "He lived a good life."

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Dr. W. H. Earl has moved his offices from the old 1st Natl. Bank bldg. to 25 N. 6th. Open Jan. 17th. Mrs. Bukowski, receptionist in office.

I have sold my interests in the Arcade and Diane Theatres and wish to express my thanks and appreciation to all my friends and customers for their support for the last 31 years.

I wish the new owners every success and good luck.

C. Morelock

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