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CAUTION MUST BE EXERCISED

Careful readers of daily newspapers last week saw a headline: "ex-government official sentenced for perjury." To the casual reader, perhaps that meant but little, but to the alert citizen it caused great concern over the plight this country has reached, forgetting for a moment the remainder of the world. Really, it is alarming!

Communitistic tactics include infiltration of the government offices, there to undermine, to sap this country of its unity, to eventually hand the nation over to Russia "on a platter," without any struggle. Think this can't be done? Remember Czecho-slovakia, remember Estonia, remember Roumania? Look about the outer fringe of Russia, and stop and look at the present state of affair of this government. See any resemblances?

The Pilot does not actually believe Russia would be quite foolhardy enough to attempt an invasion on this country. It has other less costly plans. Russia wants lots more Koreas, Indo-Chinas, and possibly Germany. By this method this nation and other will be "bled white" at no manpower cost to the Soviets and Moscow.

Did you ever stop to think what Congress has done to the Social Security program of the United States? Once was that a man 65 could retire, draw his social security no matter what other income he had provided in his life's work. Nowadays, he must be 70, and he must have no income—actually he had better be a pauper. As little as \$50 a month would deny him what he had paid into the fund to guard against his days of non-productiveness. That is one of the few plights this nation has arrived at in the past couple of years.

GROWTH NOTED IN FIVE YEARS

Next week, THE PILOT will have completed five continuous years of publication—five years which have seen this community rise from practical obscurity to prominence; from the backwoods, to a modern city although still un-incorporated. Changes have been too many to enumerate in this column in less than a dozen issues.

In this growth the Pilot has noted stability, continued and positive growth which gives the resident a feeling of confidence and security in the future.

Greatest item of growth in the community, the Pilot finds, is the growth of payrolls, of industry, which is still laboring to expand its horizon. Almost daily people come here to learn if there isn't opportunity in other branches of industry. Growth of that type makes local people proud to be one of the many who enjoy living where the future seems assured.

IT SEEMS TO ME:

By Dewey

Am intrigued by announcement of formation of 4-H electric clubs, by Miss Dorothy Newton, HDA, who wishes to see a number of this type of clubs at work shortly. Would like, very much to see this area represented by at least one club soon. As Miss Newton stated, real tragedy might be averted by knowledge of the basic electrical principles. There are a number of qualified instructors in this area who would enjoy doing this job at not too great a demand on their time.

4-H Clubs do great work, all by public spirited citizens who gain not one cent for their time and labor. These clubs have been instrumental, right in Curry County, of developing many outstanding citizens whose fame is nation-wide. Over-emphasis for 4-H club work is impossible. The extent of the success rests upon the leaders of the county. In the past it seems that this work has been extraordinary.

Did you note, in another 4-H story in this issue, that eight clubs are functioning in this immediate area. These clubs are doing great work with the boys and girls, who should be given more opportunities to widen the scope of training. Busy youngsters are happy youngsters, and later become useful men and women.

I'd like very much to see what the range of training could be extended to in this area. Not being primarily a dairy section, there's no great call for club in that line, any more than say one of two, to accommodate the geography of the community. It would be fooling to attempt clubs where there is no particular local interest.

KCRE, radio station of the Del Norte Broadcasting Co., ready to go on to the air in December, is still awaiting okay from Federal Communications Commission. Bob Gray, manager, is almost fit to be sent to one of those places where they treat people for nervous breakdowns. Bob is not exactly the most pleasant person in the world today.

Government regulations and red tape are something to reckon with. Once I sent for application forms with idea of incorporating a radio station. While that was some years ago, then I found that the application had to be made out in at least six-

tette, and all the information in addition discouraged me immediately. Suddenly lost interest in starting a station. Know just about what Bob Gray is enduring at present.

There was once a time when life was simple, when a person could plan a business or life in his own peculiar way. Today is a different age. Today, there are government restrictions to too many business, where the business must become a part of the bureaucracy which seems to be our federal government. Attempt has often been made to muffle the free press of America.

Free press has been an institution as long as America has been a nation. The press, peculiarly but truly, has remained mostly untainted, so that the public may be assured pretty accurate coverage of news. Perhaps certain papers color news politically a bit, but in the main newspaper accounts are accurate to the word. Radio stations, however, come under a gag rule and many more regulations than do newspapers.

LOCAL NEWS

Wilson Freeman and Clifford Beems returned late last week from Portland, where Mr. Freeman purchased the refrigeration equipment for his new store, now under construction.

Mrs. Don Carson, who has been staying with her mother, Mrs. Barnes, at Smith River after her release from Seaside hospital, returned to her home here Tuesday.

Mrs. Ed F. Ackley, who had been in the Bay area for several weeks on board of health business, returned last week. Mr. Ackley had driven south for her.

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