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COLUMNIST POINTS A FINGER!

Clifford P. Rowe, in his column, "For What It's Worth," elsewhere in this issue, tells quite a story about those who are ready to judge, ready to criticize, ready to point out faults in work of those who serve on school boards, on the city council, or any other body or group working for the interests of the community. Being proficient in the usage and choice of words Mr. Rowe did a clever job of "telling someone off."

The Pilot is reminded of how some said the school board was a bunch of embezzlers and should be put up before a court of law to prove where they spent so much money. The same thing is happening and will happen more and more when the city council gets into functioning in full capacity after city ordinance are drawn up.

Frankly, it is shameful that fellow humans can be so cruel, so thoughtless and—putting it mildly—so ignorant. Too many often do not try to see the other fellow's point of view, try to defeat any good which he may be trying to do. This action defeats progress of any community.

In the coming year, let it be said that this community offer a united front as far as the remainder of the world is concerned. What differences we may have at home, have these settled before the world learns of it.

We have just experienced another Christmas season—during which time all of us felt it was more blessed to give than to receive. Are we going to let that go just as if it were only a "passing fancy?"

Just PERSONAL



By DEWEY

How many of you will date your letters, 1951? and how long will you do this before you have broken the habit? Setting date-lines for a time after each New Year has been quite a chore to me these past four decades. Often wonder how I have managed to get by with as few mistakes as I have in that time.

Remember once, many years ago, while working on the Miles City Star, at Miles City, Mont., when a sudden thaw caused the river to go out of its banks, and with much damage, including a bad train wreck on the Milwaukee Railroad. The story broke over the New Year, and in the writing the story I was conscious of the New Year, and blessed if I didn't include a phrase which looked funny after it escaped the eagle-eyed editor—"which happened last year."

"Which happened last year" is a good idea to keep in the back of your mind this year, in planning for the future. Anything not for the good of the community, "happened last year." Profit by those miscalculations, those mistakes, and prepare for the biggest year yet heard of in the history of the section. Let us be sure that our mistakes "happened last year."

This year is another election—which should require some deep thinking on the part of people of this nation. Are we going on forever taring ourselves to keep the remainder of the world in luxury and dependent upon us? Are we ever going to learn that the world is playing us for a bunch of "suckers" or goons?"

Delayed over the holidays, the work on the youth movement in this area will be taken up again next week by everyone interested in helping the youngsters find themselves in some sort of recreation in this area. The elders should never lose sight of the fact that youth likes to help in the planning. We must never be blind to the differences of interest in the youngsters.

Full of vim and vitality, many youngsters will like something in the "strenuous exercise class"—as boxing, wrestling, or such. It must be provided in some manner. Some will enjoy woodworking—others with engines, motors, etc. These facts must be remembered in planning the youth program.

March of Dimes campaign is in progress. That, friends, is a great cause, and does much, oh so much good to those unfortunates afflicted with the dreaded disease. When your card comes in the mail, send in your remittance as soon as possible. The fact we haven't had an epidemic in this area is our good luck.

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