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FIFTY NINE

This issue is dated 1959, the first of fifty two. What those papers will record depends on the world and particularly on Sherman county. What the people do there will make the history of the year, the news for the year, for the news of today is the history of tomorrow—after it has become the old.

We think there will be some change in farm programs affecting wheat and that it will make farmers unhappy but that it will help them in the end. It looks now as if the crop will be good since moisture has come and we have gotten so used to good crops a poor one would be very serious, enough, perhaps, to upset the calculations of some. We look for construction of roads to make more progress this year and the Biggs bridge to get started. These are prophecies—guesses—and have no assurance of realization.

We are very certain that the human race, both abroad and at home, will go on being and doing what it has been being and doing. It cannot change in one year, even assuming that it can change at all. Nations will jockey for position, politicians will ponder about how much to take from the multitude to please the few, individuals will bicker and quarrel in order to get their way and elevate their egos. All to the delight of the few philosophers who are able to recognize the trends.

When nineteen fifty nine is gone, on a winter day 363 days from now, most of us will be here to mark its passing and most of us will be wearing the same clothes we now possess, will be eating the same kind of food in the same kitchens, hating the same political party, reading the same magazines, arguing the same questions with the same people and thinking that we have advanced toward something other than the grave. Whether we have or not may not be so important as how we have enjoyed the year and how we have behaved toward our fellows.

EDUCATION

We are all mixed up with our evaluation of education because we have become accustomed to thinking that certain goals of schooling assure education. Everyone knows men and women without much schooling who are very well educated and men with degrees who have not progressed in mental training since acquiring their diploma.

We need some way to value education more accurately than high school diplomas and academic degrees. We remember once talking to a man who had been fired from a government job as truck driver because he had only two years of college when the requirements were for completion of a full college course. We, nor he, could find anything in a college curricula that had a bearing on truck driving ability.

Many who leave school before earning any titles or finely decorated sheepskins feel their deficiency and go on reading until they are truly educated and many who do get degrees stop right there feeling that they have it made. They do, too. We accept them as educated until the end of their days whether they make fools of themselves or not.

The national objection to what is called eggheads stems from the resentment ordinary folks feel about this sort of trade union of the schooled. The truly learned do not depend on their degrees and the term eggheads does not apply to them. It most often applies to those who parade their attainments so as to cast doubt on their education.

SEED CATALOGUES

Here it is the first of the year and time for seed catalogues which in these days of fine color printing are done in a style to make the stomach anxious for the excellent greenery portrayed. It is good business, naturally, for the seed men who know that there are millions of gardeners, amateur and professional, who will

buy their seeds in the hope and expectancy of producing such wonderful and gargantuan vegetables.

The chances are pretty good but there are many factors than seeds. These entail the careful preparation of the seed bed with spade or plow and finally with a rake, some bending to see that seeds are properly placed, weeding and cultivating and the seemingly long job of waiting to harvest the handiwork of nature and garden-er.

Raising a garden is not a must anymore for most folks for the stores sell garden truck of all kinds. But there is nothing like raising it to build up for the final enjoyment. A radish right out of the ground gives more satisfaction than one right out of the store and a superb tomato hanging on the vine is evidence of a victory equal to more heralded ones.

It is good for man to work with nature for nature is almost always responsive to his efforts and also scornful of his inattention. He must do his part and there are no excuses. That is good training.

NEW YEARS

Some citizens will certainly spend the first hour of the new year in a glow of ecstasy, how ever engendered; and may spend the first day in a painful state of inertia. A certain proportion always make an alcoholic event of the coming year and others look on it with scorn if they are either uninvited or unable or unwilling to take part.

But if a person chooses to declare his independence of the human race for a night on the town it is his privilege so long as he doesn't interfere with others whose inclinations may run to different pursuits.

Actual experience teaches that the new year will arrive right on time whether each individual is there to mark its advent or not. A snore can welcome the new-comer as satisfactorily as a shout. The new year will not resent it if some citizens sleep and are not in the crowd to yell a greeting. But it is fun.

We do not know where the American habit of celebration for the new year began nor if it is the custom in other countries. We think it isn't. In the first place few countries contain citizens able to anticipate a new year with quite the abandon of Americans. We are sure it will be wonderful and most others are certain it will be terrible. Both have been right for a long time.

It is a free country—at least in some minor details—and if a man feels it in his heart that a little shouting is in order, let him shout and if he is incapable of shouting sober let him shout intoxicated. He has to get it out of his system. And if he desires to go quietly to bed with infinite trust that the new year will arrive without his participation, let him. Both will have their doubts the next day—the one because he did and the other because he didn't.

POPULATION

One oddity concerned with population is that additions are always of a certain age—extremely young. It is very seldom that a population is increased by forty year olds or what we smugly refer to as elders.

Everyone in a nation's population must go through the usual periods, be children, adolescents, young married, adults, middle aged and finally become elders. Yet despite the great increase in births the number of elders has increased. That is partly because the age limit for elders has been set by law. It is 65 and healthy or senile, one becomes an elder when he has lived 65 years.

When the millions of those born since the war, when Americans suddenly decided to prove their potency beyond the call of duty, reach that mystical age when the government decides their affairs they will presumably have accumulated enough credits in the social security office to be able to relax in long awaited ease. Goodness knows they will have paid in a good deal. Inflation will have reduced it perhaps into uselessness.

By that time the government may have stopped dangling the bait of steady, but small, income before elders and permitted them more choice about work and play. We don't think it is any of the government's business how long a man works and if he has paid for insurance or retirement or whatever it is called, he should be able to collect it when due. It is probably the poorest insurance ever issued anyway.

Suppose, for instance, that the birth rate falls for a period of twenty years and the workers of that period in their adulthood find it difficult to do the nation's work and to pay for the keep of the elders who have won pensions. Many pension schemes have failed and this one may.



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WASHINGTON AND
"SMALL BUSINESS"
BY C. WILSON HARDER

When Congress convenes in January it will be faced with biggest budget deficit the nation has ever known except when actively engaged in a fighting war.

In fact, there are some who claim that raising the national debt limit to the \$300 billion level is inevitable.

It has already been announced that a request will be made for higher taxes, and this at a time when the national economy is rocking along in uncertain health.

At this time the drive for greater taxes seems to be centered on two focal points. One is an increase in the gasoline tax. The other is a still further increase in postage rates.

The reason for increasing the gasoline tax, it is said, is to make sure that work can continue on the program of super highways. As previously reported in this column, this project is headed for about twice the cost that was originally estimated.

Yet any increase in gasoline taxes, or in the postage rate, will be felt most keenly by independent business where the usage of motor vehicles and the mails are important items of overhead.

But it is interesting to note that all official attention is centered on raising more taxes. Although government employment is now at its highest level in history, there seems to be no thought given to reducing this cost. And although over \$30 billions have been thrown away

in world wide give away schemes, there does not appear to be any thinking toward reducing this constant drain on the national finances.

Indeed, during the last session of the Congress, the nation's independent businessmen, voting through the National Federation of Independent Business, requested that this drain be cut down, which it was.

Obviously, with the government facing a financial crisis, this expenditure could be cut quite drastically.

On the average, on every working day, slightly more than \$10 million is given away to some group of nations for all manner of thing, largely unaccounted for to anyone.

Thus, this forthcoming session of Congress is faced with grave decisions.

It can take one course of action and further impair the national credit, create more inflation.

Or it can take stern and vigorous measures and slash governmental expenditures to the bone in the non-essential areas.

This remedy to the national problem has yet to be tried.

And it is interesting to note that while many officials talk that business wants government to "prime the pump" by bigger expenditures, this does not seem to be true.

On numerous occasions the nation's independent businessmen, voting through the National Federation of Independent Business, have urged a curtailment in government's non-essential spending. People spending their own money, instead of turning it over for taxes, can and will promote healthy business.

300 extension unit members, and the many farmers and ranchers we have worked with the past year. The new year ahead will surely hold many challenging problems and opportunities. We are looking forward, as in the past, in working with Sherman county people—to help people help themselves."

4-H CLUBS

The Kent Livestock Club met with Bob Martin, leader, at the Kent grade school. We handed out record books, discussed feeds and talked about having meetings after school. They will be held the first Tuesdays at 7:30 p. m. The first one will be held at Bill Jefferies'. We will make rope halters, give reports, have films and practice judging. We will show animals during the year. Sally Sue Bibby has her calf, Erin Wilson had hers, also June Jefferies and Jimmy Wilson and Pat Jefferies have calves. Gary Carlson and Ronnie Mobley have a calf apiece.
Ron Mobley

The Muffin Mixers met at the home of the leader, Milly Ferrell December 10 and elected officers as follows: Marcia Martin, president; Denise Miller, vice-president; Judy Kelso, secretary; Judy Dunlap, song leader; Patty Thompson, yell leader; Judy Ferrell, news reporter. We are going to give demonstrations and have parties and get ready for the county fair.

Judy Ferrell
The Grass Valley Livestock club met December 11 at the school house for its second meeting of the year with Danny Rolfe, president, and Orville Ruggles, leader.
Kenny Lemley lead the flag salute. Roll call was answered by naming a disease of animals. Sheri Rolfe was voted assistant song leader. Our next meeting will be January 9.
Refreshments of cookies and punch were served by Mrs. Mae Alberty.
Nancy Alberty, reporter

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that the Oregon State Highway Commission and the U. S. Corps of Engineers are planning to reconstruct the Columbia River Highway (US 30) between Rufus and

Arlington. The proposed plans call for a four-lane highway to be constructed to interstate highway standards and located generally on the southerly side of the existing highway.

This notice is given in compliance with federal laws pertaining to this type of project whereby it is required that public notice be given to enable interested parties to request a public hearing on the subject project. If any interested person desires such a hearing, a request for same should be directed to the Sherman County Court on or before January 13, 1959.

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