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WAKE UP MAN AND LIVE!

Man has become almost a helpless dependent as the march of Civilization leads on. When an unusual condition occurs, such as storm or weather for which a populace is completely unprepared, this fact is brought plainly and painfully to the surface.

Life these days puts an exaggerated importance on the conveniences of the many services available. We have but to push a button or insert a plug and in a few minutes our morning coffee is broadcasting its tantalizing odors. A flick of a switch gives us lights and music. We are held prisoner, perhaps, by the comforts of life through the delivery of gas, lights and water.

Nowadays, the art of building a wood fire has become mostly forgotten. Only the most backward fail to boast some sort of continuous heat, by oil, by coal, by gas, by electricity or by radiant heat which takes the warmth from the soil. Surely not a luxury anymore is the accommodation of thermostatic controls which so surely maintains an even temperature regardless of drafts, of winds of violent weather outdoors and in spite of whether or not there is a vigilant watcher at hand to shovel in a little more fuel.

Being a nation of car users in high proportion, so many of us feel desolately helpless when something goes wrong with the family gas buggy. This is no problem to speak of, to be sure, with all the service stations and garages ready at an instant's call to bring new life to an extinguished motor. Though none might question the utter necessity of motor vehicular traffic, the hands of so many of us are tied by reliance on specialists who, as if by magic, can touch the troubled spot and correct it with seeming effortlessness.

We have super-highways leading from city to city and state to state that are taken for granted with never a second thought. City, county and state crews respond to the needs of traffic at the drop of a shovel and state patrol officers are reasonably available in time of emergencies, particularly when alerted by storm, slide or disastrous incidence. Many a motorist stranded by unexpected circumstance, can agree, with thankfulness, to this.

And so it goes, the refinements of the present high standard of living has assumed such importance that it outranks reliance on self. The word "can" is less popular for the phrase, "while I can't do it, I can have it done." Even deeper than this, when we are required to break the chains of habit and think independently about a problem, so many of us are tossed into a tailspin and only then come to realize how secondary some of the accepted standards and values really are.

If electric power should fail and with it the facilities for light and cooking, don't for a moment assume that Life would immediately cease. As a last resort, a camp fire could still be built outside and necessary food prepared. And if candles or an oil lamp or lantern couldn't be found, we could still exist in the dark until light returned.

If it were not convenient to call a service station or mechanic when our car develops ills, we would perhaps acquire enough basic mechanical knowledge that we might be able to make emergency repairs on all but the most major motor trouble, without waiting to have it done for us.

This sound of clanking chains upon our habits and thought processes also concerns some of our attitudes toward government. More and more the American people are looking to government for services and for security. Habits of thrift are not widespread. Growing sentiment seems to favor more and more the yielding of our independence to government agencies.

We say, with great ardor, "Give us security from the cradle to the grave. Do for us when the winds of adversity blow full upon us. Regulate national life that we may enjoy the full fruits of technical and scientific advances."

What we are saying, in truth, is "Oh, mighty government, do our thinking for us!" This is the most burdensome task we face.

We yield the rights that were forged by the determination of our forefathers, without a quiver. We fail to vote. We fail to exercise free speech on matters of vital concern. We fail to even have so much as a half-way intelligent opinion on political issues that will not only effect us but will be saddled upon the backs of our children and for generations to come.

Nothing seems more important than our little narrow lives, our creature comforts. We assume studied nonchalance at news of the day and concentrate much of our reading time on the headlines and the comic section. But we have brave empty words about what a democratic, advanced nation we have as a homeland.

It might be a good idea to take a little inventory of ourselves. Do we want to be totally dependent upon all the conveniences of our living and abjectly incapable of meeting a crisis that might arise? Are we willing to surrender completely and without qualification to government edicts and regulations?

The time has come to look around. Wake up, man, and live!

DON'T FOOL WITH CANCER

There is stark tragedy as well as alleged quackery in the Portland situation wherein an elderly laboratory technician is charged with treating cancer with some sort of miracle salve which is ballyhooed as a cure-all for all wounds.

The mother of a family in Bonny Slope is near death in a Portland hospital because she trusted the magic salve instead of recommended surgery. Two years of treatment failed to accomplish the wonders that were promised and the disease meanwhile has run its course.

There is such emphasis on cancer as an extremely dangerous disease which will respond to proper treatment if caught in time, it would seem improbable that anyone would desert accredited, recognized doctors to deal with an unlicensed practitioner.

There are a number of crucial problems facing a person who knows he is victim of cancer, however. It is not difficult to imagine a person grasping any straw which might offer a shred of hope that a cure can be effected.

Yet, the inevitable verdict seems to be that there is no short-cut or magic method to cure cancer. Science is making a valiant research into the causes of the disease in the hope of reaching a beginning point upon which to base preventive measures as well as to perfect present methods of treatment. But they still have far to go.

Make no mistake about it. Cancer is nothing to take lightly. The best, most specialized care is no extravagance in treating it. It has become, in fact, the second most frequent cause of death, striking an estimated two persons of every 1,000.

Cancer has been cured, in many cases. But the most important factor in such cures has been early recognition. And far too many victims can blame their lack of regular, thorough physical checkups as a significant contributory cause for the resulting tragedy and shortening of life.

Medical sources admit that most cancer cases can be cured. But it is necessary to learn of the malignancy at the very start.

To accomplish such knowledge, it is imperative that regular physical examinations be had, particularly by persons over forty.

Seven "danger signals" are often associated with cancer but much better results will obtain from having a legitimate doctor look for these signals. Self diagnosis is not always accurate and one who imagines the listed symptoms might undergo a veritable hell of worry and torment. A doctor who is trained to recognize early marks of the disease not only offers greater accuracy but can reliably prescribe the proper immediate treatment.

A regular physical examination is a good habit that pays big dividends in peace of mind. And the best advice is "Don't Fool with cancer!"

INTOLERANCE NEGATED

Brotherhood is the theme of a dinner to be held February 21 in Portland, under the sponsorship of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. The guest speaker, Benson Ford, infers considerable gains in behalf of Brotherhood.

The eminent speaker is a grandson of Henry Ford and too well-remembered are some of the words and actions of the late motor magnate in what is surely the reverse side of the Brotherhood coin.

With all his mechanical and mass production genius notwithstanding, Henry Ford did not establish a record for tolerance. His bitterness against the Jews, which found expression in publishing the "Protocols of Zion" and the encouragement of other Jew-baiters, may have stemmed from frustrations or bitterness. Yet, there is little question that Ford's feeling was complete and extravagant.

It does seem as an unfortunate tragedy that the man who sponsored the Peace ship of World War I—even though it proved a fiasco of misplaced good intentions—should nurture the seeds of hatred. For hate is an evil, insidious influence which narrows the perspective as it grows. It leaves its imprint on the mind and the character and is only rooted out by an utmost effort.

So, with the announcement of his grandson as the featured speaker on behalf of Brotherhood, it seems that family traditions of intolerance have been negated.

MEANS OF MAGIC

Surplus water, believed to be available in the Northwest for export to water-deficient areas relatively nearby, is the purpose of a "United Western Investigation" sponsored by the bureau of reclamation.

So is underlined one vital necessity for the balance of one old law of economics, supply and demand.

The flow of the Colorado river is said to be less than 5 per cent of the water flowing into the ocean by north coastal streams and some means of magic is being sought to tap a bountiful supply for the demands of thirsty California.

Do You Want To Cut Your Federal Taxes?

Something For Nothing

You know that you can't keep drawing money out of your bank account without ever putting any in. The bank doesn't play that way. This is also true of Federal financing. Every dollar spent must sooner or later be collected in the form of taxes.

Many of these taxes are hidden, such as the \$2.44 you pay on a \$30 radio, or the 62 cents on the average alarm clock. These are in addition to the direct taxes of which the average citizen is painfully aware.

Tax money is necessary to run our government. But all too much of it is wasted by inefficiency, duplication of effort, overlapping of Federal agencies or appropriations for services to pressure groups.

Heretofore, no one has known how much these government services cost us through waste and inefficiency. But some surprising facts have been revealed by the Commission on the Organization of the Executive Branch of the Government. This twelve-man, bipartisan Commission was created by Congress with the approval of the President. At the suggestion of Mr. Truman, former President Hoover was made its Chairman.

The Army, Navy, and Air Force asked for \$30 billions of appropriations after being told that \$15 billions was all the Nation could afford. The Army applied for \$29,000 tropical uniforms at \$129 apiece and homes for military personnel in Alaska at \$58,000 apiece. Yet every dollar spent in such activities comes out of your pocket in the form of taxes.

Fifty Federal agencies jostle each other collecting statistics at an annual cost to you, the taxpayer, of \$43,000,000. Many of the statistics are of use only to small groups, or collect dust in government files.

The Corps of Army Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation are expert at selling the "something for nothing" idea to the American public. Underestimation of costs appears to be their specialty. The original price tag put on the Colorado-Big Thomson project was \$44 millions. Its final cost was \$131,800,000. Such discrepancies, the Commission wryly notes, "hardly can be explained by increases in labor and material costs."

You may obtain information about how you can fight waste and inefficiency in our government by writing to the Citizens Committee for Reorganization of the Executive Branch of the Government, 1421 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 2, Penna. Also write your Congressman! Tell him you want laws enacted which will put into effect the suggestions of the Commission!

TO GET RID OF SNOW

State highway crews were called to the scene to help Philomath get rid of its snow.

The BENTON COUNTY REVIEW reports the crews came along to scoop up snow which had been plowed to the center of Main street. They used a big loading shovel and trucks.

But shortly had the way been cleared with completion of the job, the snow began falling again.

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Seasonal Slump Boosts Jobless During January

Seasonal unemployment increased steadily during the month of January bringing our number of estimated unemployed in Washington county and Vernonia to 3,300. This increase is entirely due to the cold weather continuing, as the chart indicates, with few breaks. General trade is now beginning to feel the effects of seasonal shut-downs. Lumber, logging and construction were responsible for much of the new year's uptrend in unemployment.

Development of more jobs for Oregon residents will be the objective of a new ten-member State Advisory Council on employment. Its first meeting was held Friday afternoon, February 3, in the state capitol. Both seasonal and long-range employment problems on a community, state-wide, and national basis was discussed by the representative group recently named by Governor Douglas McKay.

Logging: Operations in this industry are at a complete standstill. The large amount of snow is the major factor. Sawmills and Other Wood Products Mills: The larger mills are operating. They are prepared to battle the elements. They will continue production as long as they have a sufficient cold deck. The smaller operators are anxiously waiting a break in the weather in order to start full production.

Construction: Building and home construction permits totalled \$22,400 in Beaverton, Hillsboro and Forest Grove. The inclement weather has been the discouraging factor in building. Greater attention should be given by employers to opening up job opportunities for the many skilled carpenters, painters, bricklayers, plasterers, laborers, and plumbers that are contacting this office in search of employment. They are efficient workers. They are willing to work—eager to work. There is no cost or obligation to employer or employee. Office phone number is Hillsboro 5221.

Retail and Wholesale Trade: This

Son Put To Death

No son of man had ever sunk so low in his father's eyes as did Christ when God the Father put all our sins on Him. All our profanity, lies, thieving, murder, adultery, deceit, lust and all else. So it was that Christ became the lowest of the low, even though He had no sin of His own. Our sins brought Him down until you hear Him cry—My God—My God—Why have you forsaken Me?

NOW GROW UP!

You believe that Christ died for you? Believe and God puts your name in his Book of Life. Then you are His forever. Now die to self. Give all your days, abilities and talents to Christ. By that He can live out through you to the glory of God. Then you can say with the Apostle Paul—It is no longer I that live but Christ lives in me.—Galatians 2:20. Yes—Bible and prayer are musts. You must feed on the Bible and be a prayer warrior to grow up. So which for you? To be a maybe Christian running with the world or to surrender to Christ and grow up. Which for you?

S. W. McChesney Rd., Portland 1, Oregon. This space paid for by a Seattle family.

group reports that sales have taken a decided dip. Customers, in most instances, are buying only their basic needs. New and additional claims for unemployment benefits in January totalled 1,271 including interstate. Compensable claims averaged 1,700 per week.

BIT OF BUILDING BOOM
St. Helens, in the month of December, experienced a bit of a building boom, figures relate. The CHRONICLE declares this increase amounted to 96 per cent in excess of building in 1948. Volume in 1949 amounted to \$20,700 as compared to \$10,575 in December of 1948.

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