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Working for Super Men

The creation of a super-race of men has always fascinated scientists and artists as well as the imagination of men and women of average walk in life. Dr. Alexis Carrel, himself a noted scientist, has given some thought to the remodeling of man, with special emphasis placed upon his treatment as a whole instead of divided persons, and would increase the mental stature without giving undue emphasis to any particular part of man's nature.

up their minds to fight. In fact, during our recent struggles, the zeal with which patriotic Americans reported suspicious persons and incidents caused the nation almost as much trouble as the abortive efforts of enemy agents to destroy something of value.

"It Won't Happen to Me"

In reading about accidents that kill other people, we are apt to dismiss the matter with a carelessness, "It won't happen to me." Maybe not, but just the same, it might be a good idea to remember that the victim of the fatal accident was just as confident before the accident and as irrevocably dead afterward.

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The warning comes from S. Arthur Devay, a national defendant and of the Library of Congress' legislative reference service. He says that many of the Communists are American citizens "who may be expected to work against the nation in the event of war with a Communist power." He does not think that the nation can be complacent because Nazi agents in the last two world wars failed to execute successful sabotage attempts.

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The new rooms will give the President, it is said, adequate quarters for the entertainment of guests.

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We read much these days of the alleged bungling of our relations with China. Though the U. S. A. poured billions of dollars and much war material into China to fight the Communists, the latter finally conquered. Now we are in the position of deciding whether or not to recognize the new anti-Communist government. Truly, in foreign diplomatic affairs, our government is "soft".

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Detroit's DSR is having financial troubles, and if something good doesn't come out, it is expected to go bankrupt by next summer. We've always contended that it should have two types of fares, one for sitting and one for standing, with the former at a premium. Less labor domination of management, too, might help.

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If anyone should devise a new form of taxation; let him be assured there will always be some politician ready to try it out.

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A hometown booster is a man or woman that helps make his home town better as well as bigger.

Die-Tours of Europe advertisement featuring a map of Europe and text promoting travel to cities like Luxembourg and Oslo.

Happenings of Long Ago

50 Years Ago DECEMBER 29, 1899 Birmingham has been in a gay and festive Christmas mood...

Mr. Ira Chastain had received greetings from Fred and Flora who are now in Manila. Fred tells that the military life there is happy...

There is talk now of testing the Towbridge marl beds in the spring. Should they prove as rich as expected a new industry will be opened up in Birmingham and throughout Oakland county.

The cold weather during the past few days has brought joy to the heart of our youth. About the only adults who are happy are the coal man and the ice man.

Will Beardlee (the same old Bill) from St. Louis, Mo., dropped into town a few days ago for a short stay. If you think he, and his relatives are not having a grand old visit you are greatly mistaken.

20 Years Ago DECEMBER 31, 1929 Police Chief O. J. Tuttle has announced to sergeant of Patrolman William Green, after three years on the force...

Birmingham is in a rut-for the first time in the birth race has remained the same. 69. During 1928 the city had 16 months of record among our residents, with 51 for the past year.

The secretary of state has, so far, made no statement concerning the extension of time on the purchase of automobile licenses. Unless some word is received by local police later today, Birmingham motorists will not heed former warnings had better keep their cars off the streets, or face arrest.

Bloomfield township continues to hold first place in the annual Red Cross roll call. They have already over-subscribed their quota for the year, and are ready to cover every house in the area.

H. C. Holsh, manager of the Detroit Herald, has announced that four complete changes each week will become the policy of the paper beginning with tomorrow. In the past only three changes have been made.

5 Years Ago JANUARY 4, 1945 The Baldwin brothers, who were sent from behind the last period to win the ice carnival school hockey championship...

The petition of Phil Vetrari for a zoning change to permit him to erect a business building in what is now a residential zone was denied by a unanimous vote of the city commission Monday evening.

Howard Francis member of the city commission, is in Lansing attending the opening session of the state legislature. Estes was elected last November, and took the oath of office at the State Capitol on Jan. 1.

PF C. Francis Allen, once an outlaw, played a heroic role along 4-20 Wednesday morning. Awakened by smoke he called the fire department and took the Chas. Westaway home. Then running barefoot to a neighbor's house he borrowed a ladder and his wife saved him from their second-story apartment.

The Birmingham post office has noted a gain of \$13,906.71 in its total business during the past year. The increase is due to the fact that it is the heaviest year in its history, with the Christmas season being especially large.

Ready for the Plunge



Michigan Mirror

Michigan friends of Arthur E. Summerfield, the Flint chairman of the Republican National Strategy Committee, are convinced that Michigan may yet rescue the national minority party from its current predicament of near total eclipse.

It is the thesis of Mr. Summerfield that an important difference has developed between the Roosevelt and Truman administrations. "With Roosevelt we were drifting toward socialism, but with Truman there is no drift-it's a heading rush," said Summerfield.

The basic predicament of the Republican cause, as interpreted by many students is the fact that it has been so long since we have associated the Republican party as the emblem of "selfish interests" as contrasted to the liberal position enjoyed by the Democrats.

In advancing more benefits for the masses President Roosevelt and his Democratic party successors have identified the Democratic party as the popular liberator.

The result has been that the trend towards centralization of power at Washington has been established in recent years and with new welfare spending programs already approved.

In opposing state socialism under a national administration, Summerfield would place the Republican party more on the side of traditional liberalism in behalf of the individuals. As contrasted to more and more centralization of power at Washington, whereby the wants of the individual would be guaranteed by the government from cradle to grave.

Whether the Republican party can shed the shell of its reactionary label and assume the role of a liberal leader will be an interesting development in 1950 to appraise.

Any event the "welfare state" may have met a new knight in shining armor.

Year's Beginning

Whatever grief and strife I've had to bear Throughout the passing year, What misery and weariness and care, What disillusionment and doubt and fear, I know is but the common lot of all. I will not let it grip my heart. Nor be a part Of other days that are to come. A new year means a brand new start, And I will try to glean from out the past All that is good and hold it fast. Knowing that of the things my year has brought, Only the loveliness was meant to last.

"Any Way You Slice It"

HAL P. BURGER

HAPPY NEW YEAR! For the past couple of days folks have been saying happy new year to each other. Scores have already said it once and I guess the phrase has passed my lips enough times lately so that I won't even forget the correct enunciation.

I'm thinking that that may be the case with everyone, I guess I will try to define exactly what I mean when I look someone straight in the eye and wish them well for the coming year, or when I shout over my shoulder as I pass someone on the street, or over the din of a gay party.

When I stop and think what I am saying, I realize full well that some of the folks that I am addressing will undoubtedly have the finest year of their lives while others will experience one bit of bad luck after another. Even so, that is no indication of which will be the happier.

If I say Happy New Year to a glutton, I don't exactly mean that I hope he is able to eat more than ever. If I say it to a rich man, I don't mean that I hope he gets richer or even maintains his present wealth.

Most of us have our ups and downs in the field of happiness. In the mood of our own minds and down in the sad or melancholy moods, too. I think that in moods as with everything else, variety is desirable and necessary.

Happiness is a state of mind, you know, and who seeks it finds it. Success comes, thoughtful and thoughtful, overcomes obstacles that stand in the way of successful search.

I believe then that when I say Happy New Year to you, and you in turn, say it to me, that is what we actually mean; "get wise to yourself Bud, things aren't going to change much for you during the new year unless you change them yourself. If you ever want to join the realm of happy people, you are going to have to begin thinking in terms of the people, not me the person. Then you will have at least scratched the surface of happiness."

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