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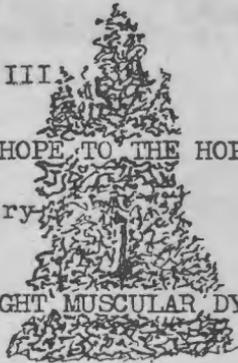
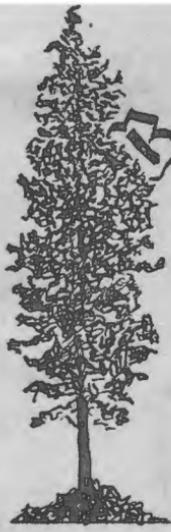
"GIVE HOPE TO THE HOPELESS"

January

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"HELP FIGHT MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY"

"1954"



AND I SAID TO THE MAN WHO STOOD
AT THE GATE OF THE YEAR-

*"Give me a light that I may
tread safely into the unknown!"*

AND HE REPLIED - *"Go out into
the darkness and put thine hand
into the hand of GOD: that shall
be to thee better than light and
safer than a known way."*

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Become Muscular Dystrophy Conscious - maintain that Piggie Bank for your pennies during 1954 - contribute to the nearest Muscular Dystrophy Chapter - give all you can - GIVE HOPE to the HOPELESS.

The little article on the front cover of this issue came from the pen of H L Haskins - very apropos as we launch forth upon a New Year. A Prayer for 1954 "Dear Lord during the New Year, and the ones thou sparest me to see, give me an understanding and charitable heart, endow me with humility, and love and affection for my fellowman; keep me close to Thee." Amen

IN - Christmas - Business

You good folks will receive BETWEEN CEDARS at the inception of a new year, therefore, the following is included in this issue before wrapping up, as it is deemed excellent matter for mental digestion as you launch forth upon 1954:

Your Ed like many others believes it is more blessed to give than to receive; so, this Christmas he purchased toys, items of clothing and food for those less fortunate than the average and played Santa. He does not mention this for any self-glorification but as a premise for the following:

On evening 23 December, Clifford Haynes, who owns and operates the Haynes Camera and Hobby Shop at 8640 Georgia Avenue in Silver Spring, Maryland, having learned of your Ed's usual practice, called and offered toys and money to assist in spreading Christmas Cheer. After your Ed had, on morning of 24th purchased a quantity of foodstuffs, stopped at Brother Hayne's place and he gave a fine "Hobby Item" for each of the four children and as the Ed was leaving slipped \$30 into his hand to buy more food and help the needy. Your Ed, with eyes dimmed with appreciation returned to the store and bought another supply of food, including a twelve pound turkey.

With a glad heart and a word of prayer on his lips for folks like Clifford Haynes, he started for the upper part of Montgomery County, Maryland, to deliver the food and toys, especially to one family he had visited with his daughter last Christmas, 1952. It was necessary to stop in Rockville to have a tire switched - while this was being done one of the men assisting in the switch, having learned of your Ed's mission and why the car was filled with food stuffs; said, "I wish you were stopping at my home, my wife is pregnant, I have been surveyed out of the Marines after nine years, have been unable to find work and we have had no food in the house for nine days now."

Your Ed checked with the proprietor of the gas station, verified the statement and ascertained that he had just employed the lad and given him a twenty-five dollar advance. The name and address was secured and more food will be delivered, however, before shoving off the Ed reached into the car and gave the unfortunate ex-Marine a great big ham to take home. In your Ed's ears rang the parting words of Mr Haynes "If you find more in need of help or you need more Hobby Items or cash, please come back and let me know for I want to help." Through his mind raced this one thought "This is truly putting Christ into Christmas, looking after those in need of a helping hand. When

one indulges in such acts of charity and good will of which the Angels sang, a joy dominates them which money cannot buy and which passes all description - you feel that you are worth-while and fulfilling the duties of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. Yes, my readers, there is unbounded love and unsuppressed JOY in giving to others and being charitable as Christ preached and commanded. Despite all the mean things which folks may say falsely and maliciously and jealously against you, and all the unprincipled things they may do to you, you have that self-knowledge that you have done right, that you have not been selfish, have done as the Master would have you do and all these mean things will not militate against you - when the chips are down in the final day when you and I will be judged for what we have said and done - do right - strive to do your best - endeavor to walk with God - give no need to the false accusers or the drones in the Hive of Nature, who will not do as is their duty to do, but who vilify those who do. Put the Christ into Christmas - it will have a newer, richer and fuller meaning - THEN, start putting Christ into every day business.

Clifford Haynes does this too - further he is civic minded - when your Ed's car was laid up for repairs, Haynes having learned of it and feeling the work was important to the community and should go on offered his Cadillac to the Ed - this he refused but finally agreed to use the station wagon at the Hobby Center. In addition to Mr. Haynes want to name some other fine gentlemen your Ed has rubbed shoulders with and who also practice the Golden Rule and put Christ into business:

Malcolm Scates, who owns and operates the Malcolm Scates Furniture Stores at 4121 Thirteenth Street NW, Washington, D.C. and at 7242 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda Maryland, and his worthy assistant and cousin, Lyndon Scates. Mark Evans, who operates a radio and TV program over Station WTOP, who also puts Christ into business and is a devout member of the Mormon Church, is verbose in his praise of these two fine Christian gentlemen who act by the Square and will not drive a hard bargain or take an unfair advantage of anyone - their word is their bond. You sense all this when you enter their fine stores to purchase furniture or other items for the home which they handle.

Third or rather fourth on our list in this issue is Mr. W. A. Spaugh, a Vice-President of the American Security and Trust Company, a fine banking and trust company in the District of

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"And I will bring the blind by a way that they knew not; I will lead them in paths that they have not known; I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight. These things will I do unto them and I will not forsake them." Isa. 42-16

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M U S C U L A R D Y S T R O P H Y .

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F O R E W O R D !

None are perfect; being human we are subject to err and fall far short of the mark of our high calling. However, those of us who have solemnly expressed our belief in, and signified that we have placed our trust in, God, are duty bound to fulfill his commandments, especially the two great commandments expounded by the Savior of Mankind: "And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength***Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself***" St Mark 12:30,31 It is hypocritical to profess one thing and practice another; if we do so, we fool only ourselves.

B R O K E N H O M E

"Around every family circle there is a sacred circle that should be kept unbroken." E.G. White

There is an expression which is being heard more and more as the days come and go, namely, "he, or she, is the product of a broken home." Such a statement has a catastrophic inference, and often is utilized to justify wrong doing and engender sympathy. Suppose we take a looksee' at the meaning, force and effect of those two words "broken home".

From what can be gathered at the time this phrase had its inception, the broken home referred to was one where the parents had separated, or had been per-

manently separated through the medium of divorce. It is a recognized and accepted fact that every child needs a father; needs his companionship and his supervision. In instances where the father has weighed anchor and shoved off; or where the mother unable to endure any more abuse, neglect, infidelity, drunkenness or lack of support has taken the children and left, the mother usually has to seek employment to provide for the little ones.

"LOVE CAN NOT LONG EXIST WITHOUT EXPRESSION."

When the foregoing occurs the child is more or less on his, or her, own most of the time. This child becomes a part of that ever increasing army of young ones roaming the streets, and getting into mischief. All too often the mother is too tired and exhausted after a day's work, and the completion of essential household chores, to give time to the young one - often in desperation gives the young one money to go to the movies, or for other purposes, as a sort of payment for the youngster not to bother her, to get out of her way as her nerves can stand no more.

In due season through such tactics all control over the youngster is lost; with it proper respect for parent and authority and all semblance of supervision. The youngster is quick to size up the true situation and loses no time in capitalizing upon it. The demands by the youngster for allegedly being good or keeping out of the way become greater and greater; likewise, all the greater becomes the mental anxiety and physical and financial strain of the mother. No need to dwell longer upon this type of a broken home or its ill effects; the ill effects of separation of parents and divorce.

There are other factors which label a home where love and peace should dwell as broken ones. These have just as deleterious effects upon youngsters as the one first cited herein. "The Home" constituted the sound, moral and spiritual foundation upon which this nation was so soundly established and which played so great a part in its development into a country prominent and secure among nations.

The home has in the past been looked upon as a hallowed place; a man's castle; a place of privacy and security which must not be violated; a retreat from the worries and cares of the day, there to share the love, understanding and affection of the members of the household; a place where love, peace, unanimity and tranquility should prevail; where the young may, and should, receive good, moral, spiritual and wholesome instruction; where respect for parents, elders, the law, and

those in authority should be taught. It was Lincoln who said, "Teach reverence for the law to every prattling babe at its mother's knee."

"Better than gold is a peaceful house,
Where all the fireside charities come;
The shrine of love and the heaven of life,
Hallow'd by mother, or sister, or wife."

However humble the home may be,
Or tried with sorrows by heaven's decree,
The blessings that never were bought or sold,
And center there, are better than gold."

Anonymous

In the home of yester years the Holy Bible constituted an essential part of the furnishings of a living room, the same as is the case in Lodges. At the close of day the head of the household would gather his little brood about him, read from it and offer prayer. As soon as the children became old enough to read, they were presented with a Bible of their own to read and cherish - instructed to take it as a guide and lamp unto their feet. (Your Ed visits many homes, day in and day out - the other day he recorded the nineteenth home visited where he found the Holy Bible prominently displayed and a part of the living room furnishings.)

The other evening paid a friendly visit to the home of some fine Christian people in Takoma Park, Maryland, it was the close of their Sabbath Day - there was reading of the Scripture, the singing of a few old hymns, the ones you never hear in churches today but which were of spiritual benefit to our fore-fathers, and a word of prayer. It was a rare treat and your Ed's memory harked back to the days of his youth in his own home. We would be a better and stronger nation today if more homes held the little family prayer circles. Homes where these little prayer services are held are not in the "broken" category.

A home wherein the spirit of the living God does not exist is vulnerable and susceptible to being broken. That which is broken is in a sense imperfect, and a home which lacks Godliness cannot be considered the perfect or proper place to train youngsters along true moral, spiritual and ethical lines, so essential in developing into worth-while manhood and womanhood; and to erect the proper character needed in business, in government, in social and every day life. It is not believed that a proper example can be set in conformity with our professed and represented belief in, and

reverence for, Almighty God, unless in reality His will is done, and His commandments obeyed, in the home. Where His spirit does not dominate the lives of those in the home, the most essential attributes for peace, harmony, congeniality, understanding, love, affection, solidarity and cohesion are non-existent. Let's put it another way - the indwelling of God's spirit and conformity to His will in the home is priceless insurance against the home being broken.

In those homes where the spirit of God is absent, we find the pursuit of worldly pleasures to be paramount, and little or no thought is given to the proper training of the young; nor do the parents give thought to where the example they are setting is leading their young to. Imperceptibly is developed a lack of cohesion and community of interest, especially in each others welfare - selfishness creeps in and holds sway, with resultant disunity. Essential team work is lacking.

The number of parents refusing to have their freedom of locomotion interfered with, as well as their pursuit of pleasure, is increasing. Curfew for the young has almost become the name of a horrid thing which existed in yester years, a part of the so-called "Horse and Buggy Days" - old fashioned - outmoded - it is merely a word to be incorporated in the poem:- "Curfew shall not ring tonight." In too many instances it is more truth than poetry, for, "Curfew DOES NOT RING" for an increasing horde of teenagers - parents not home to ring it or see that the youngsters are in at a respectable hour, and not roaming streets and highways until the wee hours of day.

This bears repeating here. Remember in days past during temperance rallies, they sang an old hymn - "Where is my wandering boy tonight?" Sad but true, an ever increasing number of youngsters, now that things apparently are in reverse, are singing "Where are my wandering parents tonight?" The tavern, the cocktail lounge, the bridge, poker and gin-rummy game is more attractive than the home and fraternization with their children. Has the home disintegrated into a place that is wind, rain and weatherproof, where one may flop, get a little required "shut-eye", and per chance get a square meal or two out of cans, if all the coin of the realm has not gone for drink or worldly pursuits?

There was a time when the home stood solidly as

the Rock of Gibraltar - parents were more than cautious as to what was brought into the home, including human beings. The sanctity of the home and the welfare of the young ones they had brought into the world was of paramount importance. Recall the old dime novels and Police Gazette were taboo. This seems almost to be passe'. You can put this down in your little black book, and mull it over for what it is worth, your Ed in youth, at a verboden burlesque show, never saw a female anatomy exposed as is the case on the TV screen today; nor did he hear as much profanity or risque jargon as floats over the ether ways, into the homes and into the ears of our youth.

One almost gets a "bun" on watching the amount of beer, and what have you, being guzzled on the TV screen. Add to all this the crime pictures and plays - robbery murder - theft - dissipation - sexy pictures and dances. All this for the eyes and ears of the young. Then every magazine in order to advertise a product must resort to sex appeal - pictures of scantily dressed women, or almost in the newd. Your Ed does not desire to appear to the reader as holier than thou, bigoted or narrowminded, but you can't fool a horse fly; neither can you or I play in dirt and not get dirty. How can any sane and sensible person take the stand that all this is proper for our young and impressionable minds, and essential for them to mature into moral, spiritual and exemplary manhood and womanhood.

If our young are going to mature - pass through adolescence - being greeted with sex, drink, indecency, immorality, and crime - obscene literature readily available in every corner drug store and at every news-stand, you and I cannot expect any harvest other than that now being reaped, namely, steady and alarming increase in number of teenage criminals, increase in number of illegitimate births, broken homes, alcoholics, and inmates in sanitariums and mental institutions.

Do you honestly believe that the presence of a bar in the recreation room, and drinking parties in the home which become noisy and elicit some foul and truly risque jokes or stories, are conducive to the proper training of your young ones; that the same will help them to develop along moral and temperate lines; will aid them in a better understanding of the duties of a God fearing, and loving, man and woman; that it will aid them in fitting themselves for the place they must fill, the leadership they must assume; the duties of good citizenship they must perform? Better pause and give a thought to what effect this all is having upon those who bear your name and for whom you are responsi-

ble. Consider well what effect your acts today will have upon your children on the morrow.

A salient fact is overlooked, namely, the ones bringing little ones into the world, are under obligation to throw every safe guard around them, and to train him or her so that maturity into worth-while manhood and womanhood is assured. The mere designation "parent" signifies sacrifice, care and protection. Did you ever observe a wild or domestic female animal protecting its young? If a dumb animal fulfills the motherly and parental care and true guardianship; how much more should we who profess intelligence and mental superiority guard our offspring and protect them from harm of any nature and from every source.

We must guard our young in every conceivable manner; set proper examples; make sacrifices; give them good and wholesome instruction - we must retain the sanctity of the home - awaken to our individual responsibilities to God, our neighbor, our young, and ourselves - there must be a return to the moral, temperate and spiritual way of life - reestablish the home and strive to keep it from being broken. We talk almost as much about so-called juvenile delinquency as we do about the weather, and do just as little about it.

No great problem in finding a solution - if parents will fulfill their bounden duties - put the welfare of their children first, above personal pleasure and the seeking of the almighty dollar and luxuries, non-essentials - if they themselves will rededicate themselves unreservedly to God and do their best to reestablish a spiritual and moral way of life - we will see a decline in juvenile delinquency and adult delinquency as well. If there is no supervision or discipline in the home, and parents are going to suppress anything which savors of discipline in the schools; then we cannot expect any improvement - on the contrary matters and conditions will worsen. As the tree is bent, so will it grow. A look at the overcrowded stockades on military reservations attest to the let down on the part of parents and their failure to fulfill their allotted duties. Plain cold facts - those parents who fail to do their duty only add to the burdens and worries of loyal parents who are striving with God's help and guidance to be parents in fact, not in name only.

Homer

"Ignorance is said to be the science of stupidity."
Likewise, neglect of parental duties is criminal.

INDISPUTABLE: "Empty barrels make the most noise."

"The face reflects like a mirror the soul of the one it belongs to; despite all representations he or she may make to the contrary."

"As a man or woman soweth, so shall they also reap - one cannot plant onion sets and raise orchids therefrom."

CONSCIENCE STRICKEN: He who does wrong, violates his vows made to God and fellowman, and fails to fulfill conscientiously and loyally the obligations assumed in life; who practices deception, is intemperate and immoral, abhors the truth or the expose' of his nefarious acts and shortcomings. He looks with contempt upon, and in reality hates, the one who says or writes things which prick his conscience. It is alright for him to be hypocritical and fail in his bounden duty; but, damnable is the person who dares draw attention to it.

WILL WE BE READY: It is after all only a short step from the cradle to the grave. The little particles of sand in Life's Hour Glass run all too swiftly. Today is ours - the tomorrows belong to our Creator - how true the statement that 'Only death and taxes are certain on this old globe.'

The Grim Tyrant Death continually stalks in our midst, day and night, and with his all-devouring Scythe of Time, severs the Brittle Thread of Life of our loved ones and friends, of the high and low estate, of the rich and the poor, launching them into eternity. Neither you nor I know when our number, so to speak, will come up - when our journey upon the Level of Time to that undiscovered country, from whose bourne no traveler returns, will end.

It behooves us therefore, who believe in immortality and a life beyond the grave, to live stainless lives of integrity, from day to day, so as to be ready to greet this Destroyer of Life, when he comes without warning to translate us from this earthly sphere to the celestial realms above - there to meet the Supreme Architect of the Universe and the Supreme Grand Master of the Craft and be weighed in the balances. Will our reward await us for having been faithful in utilizing the talents given us, in our Master's Service - will we receive the commendation "Well done good and faithful servant, thou shalt have a great reward."

"Have we not all one father? Hath not one God created us? Why do we deal treacherously every man against his brother, pro-

faning the covenant of our fathers? Malachi 2:10 "And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers; lest I come and smite the earth with a curse." Malachi 4: 6

For sale, baby carriage, going out of business;
 a cow by a lady with horns;
Wanted, a saleslady to work in corsets.

 "Let me live out my years in the heat of blood
 Let me die drunken with the dreamer's wine
 Let not this soul house built of mud
 Go toppling to the dust a vacant shrine
 Let me go quickly as a candle light snuffed out
 Just at the hey day of its glow
 Give me High Noon - then let it be night
 Thus would I go and
 Grant that when I face the grisly thing
 My song shall trumpet down the grey perhaps
 Let me be as a tune swept fiddle string
 That feels the Master Melody - and Snaps."

Anon

TOLERANCE: You have your life to lead - you have your own opinions, likes and dislikes - you have your own ideas as to dress, regarding worship, as to your duties and pleasures. Good, that is the way it should be BUT and it is a great big BUT - don't get hot under the collar and blow your stack because your neighbor or someone else is contrary minded. If you prefer a blue suit, buy it and sport it; but, don't look down your nose at one who likes a brown suit and wears it.

You have your hobbies - you have your conception of duty towards God, your neighbor and yourself - o.k. but don't be critical of, and malign and hate those who take an opposite stand. The Ed of this paper feels thru its publication he is serving his God and fellowman - hoping something written may point someone to the proper path. He reiterates, that if you do not desire to receive BETWEEN CEDARS just drop a two cents post card and say so. Do not hate any one for following the dictates of their conscience and striving to make this old place a better place in which you and I, and our posterity may live in peace, righteousness and harmony. When tempted to criticize others for well-doing STOP - take a good look at your own activities - determine what you are doing for God and your earthly brother. THINK!!!!

"No man is so tall he need not stretch; nor so small he need not stoop."

YULE TREE SPEAKS.

Though Christmas has passed and by the time this edition is received, the pine, fir or spruce, or cedar, will have been stripped of its decorations, removed from the living or other room, and placed upon the old trash heap; nevertheless, this little article which was received too late for the Christmas number is deemed worthy of promulgation herein:

"IF I WERE A CHRISTMAS TREE. oldest and most beloved of all the trees on earth, I would ask no greater favor than that I might be chosen to occupy a niche within your home this Christmas Day, and to so inspire you with new strength, that you would forget all your troubles, both past and present, and just be glad Christmas Day; and if you could understand my language I would say to you things like this:-

of your life as just begun, with every rising of the sun - just know the past has cancelled, buried deep, all yesterdays - there let them sleep. Concern yourself with but today - grasp it, and teach it to obey.

I would advise you to talk and think only of success, and to forget the mistakes of the past, for we leave the lesser that is behind - only by pressing onward toward the greater that is before.

I would ask you to remember that almost any event in life might become an obstacle if we take it in the wrong way - but it is just as sure to become a golden opportunity if we take it in the right way.

SUCCESSFUL and HAPPY we must form the habit of expecting that the best in life will come to us.

Say to yourself constantly "HAPPINESS IS MY BIRTHRIGHT". He who has conquered doubt and fear has conquered failure. There is no defeat, save in no longer trying.

Anonymous.

 "FEAR GOD AND WORK HARD." Livingston

Are you giving a thought to the unfortunate - on every hand, radio, TV, press - the cry arises PLEASE GIVE HOPE TO THE HOPELESS - help fight the Killer Disease MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY - GIVE!!

PROGRESS: We are happy indeed to learn that the little mother of whom we wrote in the last issue, is doing nicely; has been attending church and sabbath school, lectures and church socials, even has been giving one tenth of her income to the Lord, being a tither. The other evening your Ed called at the home where she and the daughter are staying and found her helping to bake the Christmas cookies.

We will watch with great interest this youngster in her efforts, with the friendly and sympathetic assistance of a Godly couple, in bringing about a reformation. Leonard and Frances are to be commended for taking the two into their lovely little home and doing what the master would have them do - they are to be commended for their charitable act. Too bad more folks do not open up their hearts and homes to these unfortunate girls who have stubbed their toe. Much could be accomplished which could not be achieved in the regulated and more or less cold atmosphere of a home.

 "The Lord also will be a refuge for the oppressed,
 a refuge in time of trouble." Psalms 9:9

"People seldom think alike until it comes to buying wedding rings."

INTOLLERANCE: Like Voltaire and Rosseau, General Marshall, after receiving the Nobel Peace Award, spoke out against all forms of intollerance - urged a reestablishment of good faith generally among all men - drew attention to the need for all to think more of other's welfare - emphasised the need for a return to a spiritual and moral way of life.

More and more men of all professions, of all walks of life, of all religious faiths, are speaking out for mankind to awaken and return to a temperate, moral, spiritual and charitable way of life - not a feigned one, but a sincere one. They are drawing attention to what selfishness and the greed for money and power are doing to undermine the home, nation and world.

It is useless to hope for, or expect peace and good will among men, if members of the Craft and other fraternal groups dedicated to the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man woefully fail in their assumed duties; and become vicious and display hate when attention in a friendly manner is called to their errors of omission and of commission. What are you doing Brother to correct it?

Drive Sanely and Courteously during 1954

RESOLVE:-

(1) not to be a "road hog"; remembering that others on the highway pay taxes too.

(2) to drive the car and not let the car drive you.

(3) that you are not going to lose your temper and drive recklessly just because someone else does; passes you; cuts in front of you; or otherwise ruffles your feathers.

(4) that you are going to observe speed limits, usual traffic regulations, and signs placed along the highway for my safety.

(5) that you are going to drive slowly in the vicinity of schools and in "School Zones", bearing in mind constantly that all too often youngsters at play thoughtlessly dart out into the street.

(6) that you are going to strive sincerely to be a careful driver and endeavor to set a good example for other drivers to emulate.

(7) that you are going to slow down at all intersections, and at all times when view is restricted.

(8) that you are going to keep mentally alert while behind the wheel; refraining from driving if you have indulged in alcoholic beverages, or if you feel a bit tired and drowsy.

(9) that you are earnestly going to be a conscientious driver, having due regard for the rights, lives and property of others; refraining from doing anything which might jeopardize any one of them. And lastly:

(10) that you are going to practice the Golden Rule, not only while driving your car but at other times, of "DOING UNTO OTHERS AS YOU WISH THEY SHOULD DO UNTO YOU"

Also remembering the Ed's old admonition, which is a favorite of his and conveys so much:

"SLIPS DON'T TAKE OVER" - after the accident it is too late - the die is cast - life has been needlessly snuffed out - permanent injury and disfigurement sustained - tears, heartaches and regrets availeth naught.

PLEASE bear this in mind; bear a hand in checking the steady increase in number of accidents and needless deaths upon the highways. In doing this you may unknowingly save your own life, or the life of a loved one or a close friend. It is better to lose a minute or miss a bus or train, than to take a life by not so doing.

REMEMBER, also to help save the lives of those "hopeless" victims of MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY - contribute - aid in the fight against this Killer Disease. G I V E !



JUSY B. J. H. B. L. N.
by Homer,

GREETINGS:-

May this New Year 1954 have ever so many good things in store for you and yours; may your fondest dreams come true; may your fondest hopes become realities; may the Giver of every good and perfect gift, the Supreme Architect of the Universe, and our God, bountifully bless and keep you and yours safely under the shadow of His wings, and be gracious unto you.

The New Year will be fuller, more joyous and more worth living if we will strive daily to walk in the LIGHT of God's countenance, do His Will and obey His Commandments. Close fellowship with Him is our only hope and means of salvation, in these uncertain, hectic and fraught with fear days. Know of no better way to start each day than by reading the Holy Bible and having a little talk with the Creator. Some how or other when you do this you derive a feeling of confidence and you face the new day with a feeling that God cares and will walk with you.

Your Ed has been good and has been bad - not bragging or pleased with the latter, believe me. The bad he charges up to experience, costly as it was in heartaches, pain, mental anguish and coin of the realm. He merely mentions this to qualify himself for the following testimonial, i.e. REAL JOY comes to those who revere God and fear Him. Your Ed would not exchange the last few years during which he has walked close to His Creator, for all the years which preceded them when he thought he was having fun and enjoying life.

Your Ed's memory harks back to the WATCH NIGHT SERVICES he used to attend on New Year's Eve, when devout souls ushered the old year out, and the new year in, with prayer - thanking God for having brought them safely to the close of another year and asking His Blessing and Guidance during the new year which lay ahead. This is quite in keeping with the teachings of the Craft, that man before engaging in any great and important undertaking should invoke the blessing of Deity. Truly it is a great undertaking to set forth upon a new year with all of its uncertainties, and problems which are bound to arise and plague one.

There is power in prayer. Your Ed has had a wonderful opportunity to evaluate the effectiveness of it as well as

righteous living. There is real satisfaction in being Godly and indulging frequently in earnest and sincere prayer. Many of the ills, frustrations and perplexing problems confronting all peoples today could and would be eradicated if all would pray to, and walk with God, in a sincere and believing manner.

Let me leave the following, from HOLY WRIT, with you for thoughtful and prayerful consideration as you set forth upon the New Year 1954:

St. Matthew, Chapter Five: (3) Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. (4) Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. (5) Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. (6) Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. (7) Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. (8) Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. (9) Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God. (10) Blessed are they that have been persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. (11) Blessed are ye when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. (12) Rejoice and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.*** (14) Ye are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. (15) Neither do men light a candle and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick, and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. (16) Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Chapter Six:- (1) Take heed that ye do not your ALMS before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward with your father which is in heaven. (2) Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have received their reward. (3) But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth; (4) That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly. (5) And when thou prayest thou shall not be as the hypocrites: for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, they have received their reward. (6) But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret, and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.*** (20) But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth

corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal (21) For where thy treasure is, there will thy heart be also. *** (24) No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

Chapter Seven:- (1) JUDGE NOT, THAT YE BE NOT JUDGED. *** (7) Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. (8) For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. *** (13) Enter ye in by the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat. (14) Because narrow is the gate, and narrow the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. (18) A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. *** (20) Therefore by their fruits ye shall know them. "

The foregoing was taken from "The Sermon in the Mount."

 "He was so dumb that when he won his letter at college, some one had to read it to him."

 HEART WARMING, yea, ENCOURAGING: The following just received from a lovely, devoted and sincere adopting mother who receives BETWEEN CEDARS:

"As I read BETWEEN CEDARS from cover to cover the first day it arrived I marvelled anew at how you, one man, have time to do so much to contribute so generously towards the well-being of your fellowman. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving you deserve it. ***"

Your Ed from the depths of his old heart says "Thanks a million Mother Sally for those kind and thoughtful words. Trust you and the adoptees, your very own God given kiddies, had a marvelous Thanksgiving at Grandma's in Richmond. It is comforting and encouraging to know your humble efforts are not in vain; but are proving worth-while.

 ANONYMOUS: Another anonymous contribution of seventy-five cents has been received; apparently from the same source from which the other one came. My heartfelt and deepest appreciation to the thoughtful contributor - such acts also are most encouraging. THANKS AGAIN.

 REMEMBER - during 1954 and the years to follow - give to the MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY FUND - give generously!!!!

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builds good citizens - helps
parents to say
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of parents -
reverence for
God - love of
country.

THE LINK

"THAT'S MY SON!"

Non-secretarian.

HI, THERE SONS:

Once again your Creator and mine, in His Infinite Wisdom, has spared your old Dad to greet you once again and to have another chat with you on paper. His old heart which has been pounding away for three score years, as this New Year gets underway, is both glad and sad. This is not strange or unusual for in life we must mix the bitter with the sweet; as the poet puts it, "Into every life some rain must fall." We cannot hope to have all sunny and happy days in life.

Your old Dad is glad, and his heart is strangely warmed by the contents of letters received, especially the following off the pen of a DeMolay receiving this little paper:

"Dad Carroll:

I am unfortunately unable to contribute financially at the present time for the benefit and pleasure of receiving your wonderful and inspiring magazine "Between Cedars". I cannot find the words to tell you how much I truly enjoy each issue of the pamphlet. It is inspirational, educational and deeply meaningful to me; I read it from cover to cover upon receipt, carry it with me throughout the month studying its contents, and offering it to be read by many with whom I come in contact. I feel that if I could come into daily contact with you, my life would be fuller and more content; but since I can't, the book must suffice. I sincerely say, God is with you, and may He be so forever, and may your words of inspiration reach more and more young men and women, as well as the older ones, each day."

Money cannot buy what is expressed in the above quoted letter - note the ring of sincerity which it has indicating it sprung spontaneously from the heart of the writer. Such an expression more than repays this grey-headed hondre' for his efforts. Great joy comes in the knowledge that you are aiding another trudging along life's highway, inspiring them to live Godly and worth while lives - giving them courage and confidence.

That was an appreciative tear, Son, which I just wiped away. From the depths of me old heart "thanks a million" for those kind, thoughtful and appreciative words; and, especially for the faith reposed in God and your old Dad. I too, Son, trust that others will be inspired and aided in walking closer to their God and obeying His Commandments - after all, it is the only life which pays real dividends in joy and self satisfaction. Thanks once again - your Dad will strive all the harder with God's help.

On the other side of the ledger there is a note of sadness, for Dad Elmer Nelson, who interested your old Dad Homer, in De Molay, has been called to that fuller life - is now resting in that "Peaceful harbor where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary find rest." There would be no Chapter of De Molay in Silver Spring, or in Bethesda, Maryland, today had it not been for the interest and efforts of Dad Nelson. His great loss will be felt during the year and the ones yet to come - he had endeared himself to the lads and their parents. His name will remain fresh in the memories of those who knew and worked with him in the realm of De Molay. Illness during recent years militated against his doing all that he wanted to for his boys.

On Sunday Evening, 13 December, accompanied Elder Melvin Eckenroth, Professor of Practical Theology in the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary in Takoma Park, Maryland to Baltimore, where I had the blessed experience and pleasure of attending a worker's meeting at 5 p.m. and the meeting of a Bible Class at seven - approximately two hundred were present at the latter meeting and extemporaneously discussed the Holy Bible.

At 8 p.m. we adjourned to the spacious auditorium which seats eight hundred - the service opened by a word of prayer, singing of a hymn - this followed by the rendition of portions of Handel's Messiah, including the "Hallelujah Chorus" by the Motet Choir of approximately forty voices under baton of Dr. O. S. Beltz; which was marvelous and inspiring. Your old Dad prior to sermon by Reverend Eckenroth, spoke for about twenty minutes on the cause of juvenile delinquency and the cure therefore - laying the blame for, and the cure of, at the feet of the ever growing army of indifferent parents who are more interested in attaining the luxuries and personal pleasures in life than they are in the welfare of their young - too many other demands prohibiting proper supervision, care and training.

Your Dad touched upon the jewels in the Crown of Youth, the Flower Talk, of the emphasis placed upon Filial Love - was happy in being able to tell of the fine work DeMolay was doing to mould the lives of the young men - that of all the De Molays he had known, never knew of one going hey-Wire. Drew attention to the commandments engraven on the tablets of stone and which should be engraven indelibly on the heart of each and every man and woman, boy and girl.

Reverend Eckenroth who is directing Evangelistic activities of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, followed preaching on the Ten Commandments and their connection with home - citing that failure to obey greatly responsible for juvenile delinquency and lack of Godliness in the home.

If every boy lived up to the teachings of DeMolay and every girl lived up to the teachings of the Job's Daughters, or Rainbow Girls, there would be no Juvenile Delinquency. So boys and girls if you want to mature into worth while manhood and womanhood, respect and love your parents; revere God, and delve deep into the fine principles of the Orders cited and follow them. Do this, not only for your own good and edification, but to set a good example to those about you - aid others to live aright and obey the commandments.

Silver Spring Chapter took in thirty (30) new members, but, lost twenty-nine (29) due to reaching their majority - Howard Paul Roth; Mason Edward Wallace; Louis John Meyerle; Brooke Farquhar, PMC; Beverly Lee Alexander; Arthur John Klaunberg; Lloyd Leckie Gibson, JR, PMC and Rollin Earle Kuch PMC, were in group and now are Senior Demolays for life. Seems only yesterday they were youngsters - some of above in West Point, one in U. S. Naval Academy - some in college - missed Robert Lloyd Bankard PMC, married now in Army in Japan. We know that none of these lads will be weighed in the balances and found to be wanting. We wish each of them good luck, and God speed as they enter the years of manhood.

Remember fellows - never grow too old, nor too big to take mother in your arms, kiss her, and tell her of your love. NEVER SAY OR DO ANYTHING that you would not do or say in mother's presence. DON'T ENTER ANY PLACE or GO ANY PLACE that you would not take your mother. If you follow this during the years of manhood me lads, you'll never get into trouble - you can sleep for the old conscience is clean - and you will be able to hold the chin high and walk on through the storms of life, with hope in your heart - a song on your lips - secure.

"BE NOT WEARY IN WELL DOING FOR IN DUE SEASON YOU SHALL REAP A JUST REWARD IF YE FAINT NOT."

"Friendship! mysterious cement of the soul!
Sweet'ner of life, and solder of society!"

Robert Blair

"A friend may well be reckoned the masterpiece of Nature."
Ralph Waldo Emerson

SONS:

Here are a few verses from Holy Writ for your consideration and thought as you face the New Year:-

"The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth shame to his mother." Proverbs 29

"A lying tongue hateth those whom it has wounded: and a flattering mouth worketh ruin." "Though his hatred is covered by deceit, his wickedness shall be openly showed before the whole congregation." Proverbs 26

"Boast not thyself of tomorrow: for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth." Proverbs 27

"AND A MAN'S FOES SHALL BE THEY OF HIS OWN HOUSEHOLD." St. Matthew 10:36

ANOTHER DE MOLAY TO THE ORIENTAL CHAIR IN THE EAST:

On 9 December, a former Master Councilor of Robert Le Bruce Chapter, District of Columbia, Howard William Stein, was duly installed as Worshipful Master of Brightwood Lodge No. 43, FAAM, by Elmer Stein, believe it or not no relation, DeMolay Legion of Honor, a Past Master and Secretary of the Lodge, Grand Sword Bearer of the Grand Lodge, holder and past holder of various offices in the Shrine, Grotto, Tall Cedars of Lebanon, which was done from memory and most impressively.

Howard has done the printing for Between Cedars since the paper's inception and has made available to your Ed the facilities of his National Press and Gift Shop, which he and his wife run at 6912 Fourth Street N.W., Washington, D.C. He organized and trained the fine Job's Daughter's Drill Team, Bethel 18, Silver Spring, Maryland. We know that Howard will make a fine Master and feel sure the lodge will enjoy a good year under his leadership. He has worked hard for De Molay and Job's Daughters. Good luck!

"There is no verbal vitamin more potent than praise," and "Nothing in this world so powerful as an idea whose time has come."

How many of you
lads viewed Ed Sullivan's program the other evening and

heard the Old Trooper Sophie Tucker give some million dollar advice to young folks. Yes, you have to keep the old chin high and press on in face of odds towards the goals you have set. True it is o.k. to dream, but as Kipling stated "Don't make dreams your master, nor your thoughts your aims." One must labor wholeheartedly to bring about the realization of their fondest hopes and dreams. You must maintain faith in yourself and your ability to succeed - but, faith must be backed up with honest labor. This all fits in nicely with our little chatter about climbing "Life's Symbolic Ladder".

Did you ever meet up with a bloke who was "too tired to worry in the day time; and too tired to lay awake at night"? He must have been the bozo who discovered that "Man is simply dust and sooner or later some woman settles him."

Now let's take another looksee' at our ladder - the two uprights are FAITH and HOPE, the first rung ALPHA - the top rung OMEGA - number two re labeled CONFIDENCE - the space between rungs we called EXPERIENCE - the foundation upon which the ladder rested, or should rest, the Word of God as recorded in the Holy Bible. Well, a good designation for rung three would be LIGHT - a most essential aid in climbing Life's Ladder.

my faithful, and off-used, Webster's - what a shock - it was intended to set forth a definition of this off-used and every day word LIGHT - at first blush it appears to prompt the longest definition in the old dictionary. Take a look for yourself and I am sure you will be more than repaid for your efforts in opening and reading the dictionary.

We want to consider herein LIGHT in the following aspects:

- (1) One is said to walk either in the light or in the dark.
- (2) A light is necessary for one to see by - to pierce the darkness.
- (3) Then there is that LIGHT which is in reality instruction, knowledge, understanding; that kind which enables the old mind and conscience to differentiate between right and wrong.
- (4) To those who believe in God and acknowledge, the Light of God's Holy Word; while to the professed Christian, the acknowledgement that "Christ is the Light of the World - the dispeller of darkness - the engenderer of faith, hope and charity and dispenser of the essential light needed to climb safely, surely and successfully.

So, this third rung LIGHT is a constant reminder that if we are to attain eternal life and reach the top

rung, our goal and reward, we must walk in the Light of God's countenance, obeying the Ten Commandments which are a light unto our feet. Did you ever try to climb a ladder in the dark; or did you ever try to walk on terra firma in the dark? Stubbed your toe and barked your old shins trying to do it; didn't you? The Christian likes the light, the evil doer the dark. Light is not only essential for spiritual and moral growth; but also most essential for proper growth in the vegetable and animal kingdom. You cannot mature into proper manhood if your walk is in the dark, nor will you make much progress in climbing to the top of Life's Ladder.

Then there is the Light of Instruction - The Holy Bible - knowledge gleaned from text books and from the lessons taught in daily, Sunday and Sabbath Schools. In life, when you are about to take a trip you secure certain maps, guides or factual data. Travel Bureaus, the AAA and like organizations will lay out a route - they will point out the best and surest way to go - detours about washouts and bad roads are succinctly marked to warn you of dangers - to put you on guard so as to be prepared when the going gets tough. Even spot the nice places to stop for rest, refreshment and relaxation, point out where the good people you should rub shoulders with are situated. In other words son, they have traveled the route before you, they know how to travel in order to reach your destination and home safely.

So with life; the lowly Nazarene, whose birth in a manger in Bethlehem was recently commercialized rather than solemnly and sacredly commemorated, was sent by your Creator and mine as THE WAY, THE TRUTH and THE LIGHT; the LIGHT to lead the way to the Father for He clearly stated there was no way to the Father but by Him. You know fellows this Man of Galilee pointed out the various pitfalls along life's highway; marked the detours we must take in order to keep from becoming lost in the darkness of sin and wrong doing. He gave us a route for our journey here - an illuminated and shining pathway - showed us where to refresh ourselves and where the necessary sustenance could be procured.

A man trudging along in the dark soon becomes lost or is compelled to stop and await the light. If we are walking - climbing Life's Ladder in the dark, we keep missing the rungs and our feet are landing in space - progress is impeded - we are not getting anywhere. The Master experienced all the temptations you and I were to encounter - told us how to avoid them - gave us the Light whereby we could keep our eyes glewed on the top

run^g, or the mark of our high calling. We must have light, and must follow it, if we are going to keep on the beam and maintain our set course.

As the searchlight is utilized to spot aids to navigation in pursuing the course set; so is the Word of God - His Light - disseminated through His Son to be utilized as a searchlight by us in adhering to the course of righteousness which will give us victory over the grave and take the sting out of death. Seek the LIGHT my sons; when you have found it, do not depart therefrom; but hold fast to it. If you do you will have no difficulty in determining between right and wrong; in holding to a true course, and climbing Life's Ladder to your goal.

Let me leave this thought with you as this little epistle to my sons is closed - If you have the Light of God in your hearts it will clearly be discerned from your face. Secondly, it takes no effort to follow the crowd, adopt a defeatist and hopeless position, and say "Everybody else is doing it, so what's the use in being by yourself and not doing and saying what the others are doing and saying." I hate formalities - like to be natural - never wanted to be a mimic, liked individuality too much - never had a desire to be a pol-parrot - never got a kick out of doing something just because those about me were doing it - abhor conventions as they tend to make us slaves SO SON I WANT TO BE DIFFERENT, NOT FOLLOW THEM LIKE A SHEEP IN THEIR PURSUIT OF THE MUNDANE THINGS and THE UNGODLY THINGS IN LIFE- they are walking in the DARK - I seek the LIGHT and will do my best to walk in it, if I have to walk alone and be the object of jest, ridicule and criticism.

No Sons - don't follow the crowd - call on your old courage and intestinal fortitude and say "Sorry folks, I am taking the right turn and will seek and walk in the Light. If you will do this fellows: believe me, life will have a richer and fuller meaning - not only you, but those who observe you, will think more of and admire yourself. Nothing like a clear conscience and the knowledge you are standing firm on your own two feet, with your backbone in the right place, fearlessly adhering to the dictates of conscience as to what is right. Chins up, your old Dad is banking on you to stay in the light - on the sunny side of the street.

Dad Carroll

"Humanity" it has been said, "is divided into two classes; those in the swim and those in the soup."

CHARACTERISTIC OF THE TIMES - the '64 Question:-

During a De Molay meeting the other evening the following were brought up for discussion:

(a) decreased attendance at meetings, (b) apparent lack of interest in ritualistic work and other activities (c) difficulty experienced in getting members to serve on committees and participate in athletics.

The lads were informed that this problem was general - in adult organizations as well as in young people's groups. Many leaders in organizations would give a pretty penny for an answer. Your Ed has knowledge of many Lodges and other fraternal groups who have only from five to eight percent attendance - some with seven hundred members averaging around forty members at a meeting.

Your Ed sees the following as being partly, at least, responsible for the conditions outlined.

1. Many members are merely pin wearers or card carriers - in to use membership merely for personal aggrandizement.
2. Attractions - movies, TV, radio, prize fights parties - dances - smokers or other social affairs (Youth - home work - school - college)
3. Wife puts foot down - minority groups or so-called cliques being repulsive keep members away - the ones who act as though they own the joint - others must pay dues and be seen not heard - failure to carry out principles of organization - inertia - no program.

When the going gets tough lads - you have to work all the harder - allot each active member a name or two and have him call him or them, invite them to meetings - let them know the Chapter is interested - they are missed - prefer to have them in lieu of empty seats. Rome was not built in a day - so do not become impatient. Keep plugging away - strive to make meetings interesting have a full program. Remember fellows you only get out of an organization what you put into it - put plenty in De Molay and you will be surprised as to the dividends you get out. You have to lift a rock to ascertain what is under it - likewise you have to get under the surface of the earth to find out what is under it - so you must delve into De Molay, or any group, to fully understand its purpose for existing, its true worth and real value to you - the benefit to be derived by active participation in its various functions. Be loyal to De Molay - get behind your Master Councilor and other officers.

Ellen G. White said, "Man can shape circumstances, but, circumstances should not be allowed to shape the man."

PIGGIE BANK for MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY - how many pennies were in your bank? There were eight hundred and fifteen in your Ed's, which he had fun rolling and taking to the bank and sending Herm Willaredt a check for \$8.00 - the odd fifteen went back for 1954's saving of pennies for M.D. Just thinking out loud - 50,000 times \$8. equals \$400,000 - astounding yet within the realm of possibility - your Ed did not miss those pennies - neither would you - save them and help in the fight to conquer this killer disease.

Agree wholeheartedly with the President - parents failing in their duties - not youngsters - responsible for the number of teenagers stubbing their toes and getting into trouble. Your Ed discovered this fact a few years ago after becoming active in Youth.

LET'S PUT CHRIST INTO CHRISTMAS - this was emblazoned on a sticker affixed to a Christmas Card received - in one corner appeared the scene about the Manger in Bethlehem - the other bottles and glasses of liquor crossed out. Horrible to think that on account of drink this will be the last Christmas Office Party for all too many. Better make more than the last one coffee.

WILLIAM MASON SAUNDERS CHAPTER-Alexandria, Va. Word comes that Dad Paul Robey is moving to Greensboro N.C. this is truly a loss. Chapter sold Christmas Trees to swell exchequer - Mothers and Dads sponsored a New Year's Eve Dance at Christ Church Parish Hall - on 28 January Chapter members will man March O' Dimes booths in olde Alexandria. "Day of Comfort" was observed on Christmas Eve at Anne Lee Memorial Home; Chapter has done so since institution in 1946. A large delegation from the Chapter was present in the George Washington Masonic Memorial on 21 December to see Woodlawn Chapter, Fort Belvoir, Virginia, receive its Charter. The Blood Donor Committee under Clyde Spray, Chairman, is most active in giving, and securing others to give, blood. A real live Chapter that is going places and doing things. That's the DeMolay spirit. Good work.

ROBERT LE BRUCE CHAPTER - Washington, D.C. observed Day of Comfort by holding a Bingo Party, furnishing entertainment and refreshments for the elderly folks at the Masonic and Eastern Star Home in the D.C. Dad

Ernie Higgins, a former DeMolay is doing a fine bit of work in arranging for athletic competition between the chapters in the Greater Metropolitan Area. The Chapter on 14 October celebrated its thirty second anniversary, two years after organization was founded by Dad Land. Wm. P Jacobs, Active Member of Grand Council for District of Columbia was a Charter Member of the Chapter and Master Councilor during 1924. Thanks to Richard Caulk, Sr. Councilor, 2430 Otis St., N.E., Editor of Chapter Paper (?) for placing Ed's name on mailing list. Chapter meets in the beautiful and imposing Scottish Rite Temple, 2800 16th St. N.W., the 1st and 3rd Fridays - pay them a visit. Can you handle a pool cue - they can and have fun.

According to AP dispatch - National Institute of Health, Neurological Institute - trying out Atomic Cock-tails on five patients suffering with Muscular Dystrophy ages six to thirty six to endeavor to find cause of this Killer Disease. A tiny amount of radioactive potassium from the ovens at Oak Ridge is dissolved in water, yielding a tasteless solution. Body potassium one of elements used by human body, necessary for normal conduction of electricity in the body, especially muscles. It is our earnest prayer that a cure will be found.

It is encouraging to read that TV station in D.C. recently raised \$65,000 for the battle against M.D. It is noted that Labor Organizations and other groups are lining up in the fight to conquer this cureless disease. May more back the Muscular Dystrophy Associations of America in their valiant crusade. Many of the leaders in the fight are themselves victims of this horrible disease. Believe me, their efforts, as well as sacrifice, is truly heroic. Please give a thought to the unfortunate.

"What a man does, that he has. That has he to do with hope or fear? In HIMSELF is his might. Let him regard no good as solid, but that which is in his nature, and which must grow out of him as long as he exists. The goods of fortune may come and go like summer's leaves: let him scatter them on every wind as the momentary signs of his infinite productiveness."
Emerson

Well, thus we close the first edition of a New Year - God alone knows what is in store for you and me - therefore, we should put our trust in Him and look to Him for guidance, for strength, for faith, for victory over the temptations which will befall us during the year.

IF all parents would fulfill their allotted duties, there would be no such thing as Juvenile Delinquency. Be good. 30

Columbia. Mr. Spaugh heads of the Commercial Loan Division. This fine, straightforward outfit, with real service as its motto is also commended by our genial commentator on the radio Mark Evans. Mr. Spaugh as individuals should, especially parents, has manifested a solid moral and spiritual outlook upon life and renders public service in aiding in the prevention of crime and juvenile offenses. One of those fine individuals you like to rub shoulders with, and to do business with. Another fine gentleman who deals the cards above the table not underneath it.

Fifthly, though last, nevertheless, not the least, by any measure, one N. Roy Kramer, who operates the N. Roy Kramer Transfer and Storage Company, with offices at 900 Burlington Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland. Mr. Kramer is active in church work and in the Christian Business Men's Association; doing his best to aid the other member's of the association in putting the Golden Rule back into business - putting Christ and His Teachings into business and daily practice.

It is truly a wonderful feeling in order to enter a business establishment with the assurance you are going to get a fair deal -- not be subjected to misrepresentation and sharp practices - where the goods purchased or services rendered will be as represented. It is an innovation now a days to be able to deal with men who put honor above filthy lucre - who will not make false representations in order to make a sale - who are frank in answering the questions propounded and who would rather lose a sale or close shop rather than indulge in sharp practices.

From the information at hand regarding the fine gentlemen cited herein; you can deal with them in confidence. We on the purchasing end should patronize such men and encourage them in their fair dealing - if we do and enjoin others to follow suite, perhaps other business men will become aware of the fact that honesty pays and in business there is a place for Christ and all that He came to hold aloft as just and proper - pointed out as a proper procedure to be adhered to by all.

May God in His Infinite Mercy, bountifully bless these Christians, and all in a like category; keep them steadfast in their resolve to deal fairly and honestly with their fellowman in practicing the true tenets of the Brotherhood of Man and in upholding the Fatherhood of God. May the Almighty make His face to shine upon them, prosper them in their well doing, and give them that peace and harmony which a selfish and dollar worshipping world cannot give. The Ed salutes these gentlemen and all like them - may more like them take their place in the business world.

DISGUSTING from where your ED sits - spread upon the front page of the Society Section of the paper:

Young debs who had just made their debut swilling liquor with a host of young men - these folks who will marry one day and establish homes. What can the future hold when intemperance and immorality become first in social circles. No wonder the President and others in public life are urging a return to moral and spiritual living. These men do not profess to be perfect - NO - they see the handwriting on the wall - see the danger which lurks ahead - do not want this Nation to disintegrate. It is quite obvious that a force within this land of ours, far more deadly than Communism, is sapping the moral, physical and spiritual stamina of our young - destroying all semblance of respect for parents, elders or the law. They are secretly planting the seeds of disloyalty and lust for the mundane things of life - ridiculing all efforts to arouse folks from their drifting from proper paths.

Day in and day out, this becomes more and more obvious. Laugh if you may at this - raise the cry of old fashioned - horse and buggy stuff - folks are no worse today than when you were a boy. Well when I was young, if parents drank, they didn't want their children to do the same - being aware of its ill effects, they spoke out against it - a bar was not considered an essential part of every home; nor did the majority feel that you could not enjoy yourself without getting high. The truth of the matter is that the thought of "the heck with it; let's eat, drink and be merry today, for tomorrow we'll either be in uniform or dead - the victim of an atom bomb" has been instilled, and is being instilled, in the minds of our youth by enemies from within in, like termites.

Your Ed need not name them - you know them; BUT, you say like a true defeatist, "I am only one, what can I do - if you can't lick them, join them." Too many give up without a try. Did you ever see a lone player perform the winning play when all looked lost. There must be more of that "There is no such word as fail" - "I will do my best and encourage others to do so." If all of us stood for what was right, and did our best to stand firm, victory over these enemies would be achieved.

If we had more Haynes' Scates, Spaughs and Kramers - more Luthers, Wesleys, - more Wannamakers, Colgates, Sherwoods - and others like them - this would be a better world in which to live.

King Solomon's Dedicatory Prayer continued: Chronicles
II - Chapter 6

33. Then hear thou from heaven, even from thy dwelling place, and do according to all that the stranger calleth to thee for; that all the peoples of the earth may know thy name, and fear thee, as doth thy people Israel, and that they may know that this house which I have built is called by thy name.
34. If thy people go out to war against their enemies, by whatsoever way that thou shalt send them, and they pray unto thee toward this city which thou hast chosen, and the house which I have built for thy name:
35. Then hear thou from heaven their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their cause.
36. If they sin against thee, for there is no man that sinneth not, and thou be angry with them, and deliver them over before their enemies, and they carry them away captives unto a land far off or near;
37. Yet if they shall bethink themselves in the land whither they are carried captive, and turn again and make supplication unto thee in the land of their captivity, saying, We have sinned, we have done perversely, and have dealt wickedly;
38. If they return unto thee with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their captivity, whither they have carried them captives, and pray toward their land, which thou gavest unto their fathers, and toward the city which thou hast chosen, and toward the house which I have built for thy name:
39. Then hear thou from heaven, even from thy dwelling place, their prayer and their supplications, and maintain their cause, and forgive thy people which have sinned against thee.
40. Now, O my God, let, I beseech thee, thine eyes be open, and let thine ears be attent, unto the prayer that is made in this place.
41. Now therefore arise, O Lord God, into thy resting place, thou, and the ark of thy strength: let thy priests, O Lord God, be clothed with salvation, and let thy saints rejoice in goodness.
42. O Lord God, turn not away the face of thine anointed remember the mercies of David thy servant.

CHAPTER 7:

1. Now, when Solomon had made an end of praying, the fire came down from heaven, and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, and the glory of the Lord filled the house. (Solomon's Temple).
2. And the priests could not enter into the house of the Lord; because the glory of the Lord had filled the Lord's house.

"Wisdom is better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it."
Prov. 8:11

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F A I T H F U L

But, be it shadow or sunshine, the pleasant road
I know that God is faithful, and that is knowledge
So my heart goes singing, singing, when the shadows
The night must come and the morning; and my Father
Not above what I am able, though I think that I can-
The burden must press, must press me, till I cast
We clasp our sorrows so closely, that we faint and
Why is it so hard to trust Him, who fain would carry
Not above what I am able; though the tangles weary
And sometimes I grow so tired of life's long fever
But the blessing on him that waiteth, shall be mine
The way of escape He knoweth - and the golden door
As the ship is held by the anchor, however the
So shall this, my anchor hold me, through peril or
Perhaps green valleys await me, and days when the
But I know that God is faithful, whatever the
New Year bring.

The above was taken from a little card my old Dad received in Calcutta, India, during 1887 - on the front of the little card "A New Year's Motto - God is Faithful - Mary Georges. Your Ed most heartily agrees it is a mighty fine motto for the New Year and recommends it most heartily to all.

Written on this card, Dad's handwriting, was:-

"The Lord is my helper, I will not fear what man shall do unto me." Hebrews 13:6

Thus friends we wrap up another issue of BETWEEN CEDARS -1954 will be a blessed, glorious and most prosperous one for all if we walk close to the Diety, being a good parent, brother, neighbor. 30

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