

IT'S LATER THAN YOU THINK!

An Editorial Worth Repeating

The average life of each of the world's great civilizations has been 200 years, and their progression seems to have followed this sequence:

1. From Bondage to Spiritual Faith;
2. From Spiritual Faith to Great Courage;
3. From Courage to Liberty;
4. From Liberty to Abundance;
5. From Abundance to Selfishness;
6. From Selfishness to Complacency;
7. From Complacency to Apathy;
8. From Apathy to Dependency;
9. From Dependency back to Bondage.

In less than 3 years the United States of America will be 200 years old. And, from the looks and appearances around us, it would seem as if we are in the 8th period — doesn't it?

We are sure that all serious thinking people can put approximate dates to the stages from 1 thru 7.

From our recollection, the latter part of stage 5, namely the Selfishness, became manifest shortly after the outbreak of World War II.

Many people became money hungry when they saw the big pay that was available in the defense plants. Patriotism was subjugated to the value of the almighty dollar and draft dodging became very noticeable.

During World War II, Labor Unions that controlled part of the Nation's defense effort were allowed to go out on strike for higher wages. This, despite the fact that many of us on the combat fronts were receiving an average of \$60 to \$74 a month and were risking our lives daily. What would have happened if we had gone on a strike for more pay — and less hours?

After World War II, we seem to have traveled along the 6th stage, as the Korean conflict came along. We, as a nation, lost many Soldiers — but this wasn't even considered a War! Instead of emerging victorious, the best thing that was accomplished was a compromise — with a stalemate!

We lost a great deal of "face" with the free people of the World as a result of the settlement of this conflict. Then we were embroiled in Vietnam — and many voiciferous "so-called" Citizens were demanding that we QUIT — before we achieved a decisive VICTORY!

Yes, we passed thru the 7th stage quickly when we allowed the "Reds" to establish an accessible base in Cuba — Just a few miles from our "Home Shores".

Now it appears that we are well into the 8th stage as our Leaders, Workers, and Unions demand more and more of management! These people want to be taken care of practically from the cradle to the grave. They want to work fewer and fewer hours — make more and more money — do less and less at their jobs — live higher and higher — and spend more of their time playing and vacationing.

And, with the establishment of "Medicare" as well as "Medicaid", besides the ambitious spending plan of our Governor — on another Bond Issue — these ideas seem to be Quite Popular! But — Just WHO is going to earn the money to make this Welfare State possible? Taxes are so high now that many ambitious people have to work at a regular job and have at least 1 or 2 part-time jobs on the side in order to afford to live at the social level they desire — And, this is just the BEGINNING!

Let's see if we can't get people around us interested in how our Tax Dollars are being spent — and help put a stop to this deplorable inflation and waste of our financial resources!

If we don't — our Apathy will allow the majority to turn into complete Dependency — and from there it's just a short step to complete BONDAGE!

Elections are coming up in a little over a month. Check over the platforms of the Candidates carefully! For those that are proposing huge spending programs — or giving the voters more money — ask yourselves where else it is going to come from — other than your already flattened wallet! Then vote accordingly.



50 YEARS AGO

September 21, 1923

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Otto Brown Nye and Miss Mildred Elizabeth Dodge were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Dodge, by the Rev. A. D. Shepard, September 19. The occasion was also the thirty-seventh wedding anniversary of her parents and her uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Dodge. These four were the attendants for the couple.

Governor Smith by proclamation designated Friday, September 28th as American Indian Day.

Mrs. Frank Clark heads a drive for funds which will be used to carry on the work for those in the Near East Relief. Allegany County has contributed \$8,473.58.

Miss Eleanor McFetridge, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. McFetridge, is in Rochester, where she has accepted the position of Supervisor of the Rochester School for the Deaf.

Henry Gill, Sr., who has been living in the Stillman property on Dyke Street, has moved his family to Titusville. Mr. Gill came here with the opening of the Cutlery under the management of Mr. Jordan.

Miss Ruth Mingus has arranged to enter Bellevue Hospital in New York City for a three-years course as a trained nurse.

Miss A. A. Graves has petitioned the West Union authorities to build a new road to her farms from a point near the Newton Wilson farm.

Rev. R. E. MacGowan and Jesse Snyder were elected delegates from the Andover Presbyterian Church to attend the Synod of New York to be held at Poughkeepsie, October 15 - 17.

Potato diggers are now lining up and the fields on South Hill will soon show much activity.

Mr. and Mrs. Flay Pease, Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Will Pease, Harry, Billie Gordon and Howard Pease, attended the Pomona Grange held at Greenwood last week, where Howard took the 5th Degree.

Miss Anna Elizabeth Snyder and Virgil C. Dickinson of Wellsville, were united in marriage at the home of her mother, Mrs. Katherine Snyder, September 8 by the Rev. R. E. MacGowan. Their attendants were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Walker of Wellsville.

C. E. Harrington of New Haven is spending the week with his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Herman. He will leave Friday for Canton, Ohio, to continue his studies in music at the conservatory there.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. ice visited friends in Whitesville, Saturday.

Mrs. Robert Spicer, Mrs. Milford Crandall, Miss Bernice Nye and Mrs. John Illig attended the Leadership Training School for Independence Home Bureau Unit, held at the High School in Wellsville, September 11th.

40 YEARS AGO

September 15, 1933

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George Barrett received first prize from the New York State Fair at Syracuse. The milk was the same product Mr. Barrett furnishes his Andover customers each day.

Prof. Patrick Perrone has requested from the Andover School Board, a leave of absence because of ill health. The Board of Education hired W. Wallace Clarke and Harold Huffcut to take his place.

Mr. and Mrs. Theron Jones of Wellsville are parents of a daughter, Joyce Marie, born September 4 in the Tullar Maternity Hospital, Wellsville. Mrs. Jones was formerly Miss Virginia Crandall of Andover.

The Ladies Aid Society of the M. E. Church, met at the Church Parlors for their regular meeting. Officers elected for the coming year are: Mrs. Pearl Mesler, President; Miss Drexle Scott, Vice-President; Mrs. David Slocum, Secretary; Mrs. Lee Millsbaugh, Treas-

ALBANY

open line

by Alex Rankin

State Department of Transportation Commissioner Raymond T. Schuler is on the campaign trail these days, trying to convince people to pull the "yes" lever in the voting booth this November for the \$8.5 billion transportation bond issue.

In summary, his arguments in favor of the bond issue are very convincing. In answer to the criticism that the bond issue is little more than an attempt to save the 36-cent fare for New York City stragglers, for example, he points out there is more money for mass transit in the program for upstate than there is for the city.

Schuler points out that the funds will be used over a 10-year period and will allow him to conduct long-range programs and free funds that would otherwise go to capital construction projects for local mass transportation operating costs.

The commissioner argues that the amounts to be spent for specific projects are fixed in the lan-

guage of the bond issue, but that is a little hard to swallow.

The fact is that just because the voters approve a bond issue doesn't mean that a specific project will ever be built, or built on time.

History has proven too many times that specific highway projects readily become bargaining tools for Gov. Rockefeller in getting what he wants out of the Legislature.

A classic example was the arm-twisting and highway project dealing that went on a few years ago before the governor could get enough votes to create the Urban Development Corporation.

There is no question, on the other hand, that Schuler and his department have put a lot of work and thought into the 10-year plan behind the bond issue. They have made a genuine effort to consult local officials at all levels on specific projects and planning.

Given the mess mass transportation is in in this state, the bond issue seems the only way out.

children of Independence visited her mother, Mrs. William Dodge and sister, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Davis, Monday.

30 YEARS AGO

September 9, 1943

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The pictures this week of Andover Servicemen are: Corporal Ralph H. Skinner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Skinner who is stationed at Chanute Field, Ill., and Corporal LeRoy W. Guilford, husband of Marion Cook of Andover. Corporal Guilford is stationed at Ft. Knox, Ky.

The Methodist Church of Andover welcomed its new pastor, the Rev. W. D. Shearer Sunday morning.

Notices are out by O. J. Whitaker, secretary of the local Firemen, that they must sign compensation papers in order to be covered by law in case of injury.

The Woodruff Cheese Factory at West Almond was burned to the ground Monday night, being struck by lightning. Milk from that area is now being trucked to the Woodruff Cheese Factory on Greenwood Hill.

A reception in honor of Rev. and Mrs. J. Walter Oliver was held Thursday evening at the Baptist Parsonage.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Edwards of West Union announce the marriage of their daughter, Wilma Marie Edwards to Corporal Ralph A. Skinner on August 31 at the Primity Methodist Church in Urbane, Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Ruger have purchased the Doran property on Chestnut Street and will take possession about October 1st. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stebbins are returning from Wellsville to their home on Greenwood Street.

A surprise visit was paid Rev. Milton Hurne at his home on Rochambeau Ave. Wednesday evening in honor of his birthday anniversary.

Lt. John L. Cannon of Kellogg Field, Battle Creek, Michigan arrived in Andover Wednesday to pass a 15-day leave with his parents.

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