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# Editorials

# Report Applies To Whole County

Prof. O. W. Wilson of the University of California, an authority on municipal and police administration, recently completed a study of the Police Department of the City of Santa Clara. Some of the things he said in his report to the City Council could well be said to all the people of this County. He blamed the voters for one of the main weaknesses of the department in having voted an amendment to the City

Department away from the City Manager and placed it in politics.' This was exactly what the voters of the County did when they approved an amendment last November which removed the provision of the County Charter that the Sheriff be appointed and made this again

an elective office. In the Santa Clara report, Prof. Wilson said: "The fact that an elected Chief of Police must establish politically favorable alliances in order to remain in office is recognized by all authorities. Santa Clara may not expect effective, economical and | at a great disadvantage. efficient police service performed with even-minded fairness to all citizens so long recently received a tip that the

In commenting further on the Charter change, he said: "It seems that the voters at the last election were unaware of the significance of the Charter Amendment adopted by them" and urged "a strong and wisely conducted campaign . . . to correct this grievous mistake.

City Councilman Joseph J. Rebeiro said afterward he had heard many complaints from citizens that the amendment upon which they voted was worded so ambiguously that they were led to voting the wrong way upon it.

All of these statements can be applied. word for word to the situation in the County. While "Alternative A" and "Alternative B" were specifically worded, there is strong probability many voters stamped "A" thinking it was to leave the provision unchanged because it was first in position on the ballot. Nevertheless the amendment restoring the office of Sheriff to the elective field was approved by a sufficient number of voters and has now been ratified by the Legislature. Under it the Sheriff must continue "to establish politically favorable alliances in order to remain in office."

This requires that the Sheriff be more of a politician than a policeman, and that he must spend considerable time strengthening alliances which, in turn, are in a

position to make demands upon him. As originally provided in the new Charter such would not be the case. would be the responsibility of the County Executive to appoint someone to the office solely upon his ability as an officer, and to remove him if he failed in ability or willingness to perform his duty.

Again, applying the professor's word in the Santa clara report to the County as a whole, "a strong and wisely conducted campaign will serve to correct this grievous mistake.'

### Truman's Memoirs Should Prove Entertaining

Former President Harry Truman is said to be making ready to write his memoirs. It should be an interesting book, particularly for those people with good memories or with clipping files available to them.

This is indicated by Truman's recent statement he is not convinced the Russians have an atom bomb, despite the fact he announced to the people on three different occasions while President that the Russians |Fat and Comfortable had exploded such bombs and that the Atomic Commission, in a joint statement. said the facts "simply do not admit of

We might recall, too. Truman's naieve remark, "What mess" when asked about the corruption in Washington. Here, again. the facts "simply do not admit of doubt" Yes, his book should provide good entertainment for one with a checking pencil at hand

#### Tomorrow Deadline For Alien Registrations

The McCarran-Walter Immigration Act has caused much controversy, but until and unless it is changed, its provisions must be obeyed. One of those provisions is that every alien in the country, with specific mention of those here illegally, must register, and the last day for doing it is tomorrow. Many of those permanently in the United States registered under the Alien Registration Act of 1940, but they must re-register under the new law in fact registration is now an annual procedure and if an alien moves he must register his new address within 10 days.

Failure to register may be punished by a fine of \$200 and imprisonment. It may also result in deportation.

There are many men and women in this area who come under the provisions of this law and they should go to their nearest post office immediately and comply with it. Consequences of failure are unpicasant.

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## True Story Sought On Jap Attack

BY RAY TUCKER gation of the 11-year-old Pearl

between Hawaii and Japan.

Charter which "took control of the Police rounding circumstances.

as the head of the department is an elected | British Intelligence had warned times during early 1941.

too often. OPPOSITION -- Ferguson faces strong opposition against revival of the Pearl Harbor affair The Democrats will line up against it almost solidly, while certain Republicans feel that it has become an academic and

On the other hand, politically minded Republicans see possible partisan advantage in an exhumation, as they do in Senator McCarthy's resumption of his Communist "purge." As the GOP waved the "bloody shirt" for 40 years after the Civil War. a small group would like to "war party." Moreover, the Ferguson proposal has the backing of many historians, who have no political affiliations. They simply want all the facts.

Eisenhower will look kindly on another Pearl Harbor invesligation, especially as his Army benefactor, General George C. Marshall, will be involved. He satisfactorily, in the opinion of But Elsenhower might burn his fingers if he intervened negatively. Congress has always been extremely sensitive about its right to conduct extracurricular inquiries of this kind. They were still investigating to the State Civil War blunders and official

By JAMES J. METCALFE Some people fret and worry and ... They check their weight each day . . . While some are fat and comfortable . . . And like it just that way. . . . It all depends on how they feel . . . And to a fair degree . . . It also is a question of . . . Their special vanity . . . Of course they can be sloppy fat . . . And ugly overweight . . . And wholly unconcerned about .. The picture they create . . . But some are simple folly round . . . And have a pleasant poice . . . And they can be quite popular . . . With all the girls and boys . . . They do not sigh about their size . . . And usually their kind . . . Is in a much more peaceful state . . And happy frame of mind.

Nearly 2,000,000 persons in Malaya, or about 60 per cent of the population, can neither read nor write, according to the depulv high commissioner for the Federation of Malaya, D. C MacGillivray.

A University of Illinois veters. narian says the best time to vaccinale pigs against hog cholera is at weaning time. Any later will soon take the profit out of

swine raising.

Senator Homer Ferguson of Michigan still wants a comprehensive Congressional investillarhor disaster under Republican auspices. Despite the Senate-House inquiry into that "day of infamy," he does not believe that the true story has been told to the American peo-

Senator Ferguson was a memher of the Senate-House Committee which tried to learn why the Pacific Fleet, despite advance warnings, was sitting like so many crippled ducks as targets for Japanese bombers, instead of patroling the sea lanes Ferguson and other members were never satisfied with the work of former Supreme Court Justice Owen J. Roberts or Seth W. Richardson, who served as the investigating committee's

IAMSTRUNG - The Michigan Senator has always believed that FDR deliberately prevented an all-out autopsy of the tragic occurrence. For one thing, the committee was not permitted to subpoena all the diplomatic and military documents and messages throwing light on sur-FDR ruled that the Capitol Hill investigators could have access only to papers which they identified and asked for specifically. Naturally, that prohibition placed the inquiring body

recently received a tip that the Washington of the very hour and date on which the Japanese would attack Pearl Harhor. In his opinion, somebody ought to explain why our air and naval forces on Hawaii were not kept constantly on the alert. in view of this advance notice. apparent neglect of the British advice, according to informed members of the Armed Services Committee of the Senate, seems sound. British Intelligence had warned FDR and former Secretary Cordell Hull of a sneak Japanese attack at least six When their lugubrious forecasts were not substantiated, Washington minimized their importance. It was like the fable in which the boy cried "wolf"

FRIENDLY-Douglas McKay is has never explained his role | Washington. He knows governnumerous members of Congress. | eral Motors Cabinet colleague.

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Washington Merry-Go-Round

Shouts Heard 'Round the World

**ADMINISTRATION** 

in Oregon, new Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay was usually to be found dressed up in a white cowboy costume and 10-gallon hat riding at the head of the parade. Here in Washington, as head of the 65,000bureaucrat Interior Department. The unofficial explanation for | Governor McKay is more diffident, so far is not riding at the

head of the parade. Perhaps this is because so big a bureaucracy is new to him. Or perhaps it's because every new Cabinet member, even the old curmudgeon Harold Ickes. feels shy about commanding bureau chiefs who have been 30 years in government as against his seven or eight days.

LUNCII-Several days before inauguration, conscientious Secretary McKay came to Washington, was given a desk in the Interior Department, attended staff conferences with retiring Secretary Oscar Chapman, and created quite a sensation in the Interior Department cafeteria by balancing his own tray and lunching with Commissioner of Reclamation Mike Straus. If there is a controversial fig-

ure in all the Interior Depart-

ment, or in all the West for that matter, it's Mike Straus. He has fought the big power interests, the big landowners, and most of the policies championed by the conservative wing of the pillory the Democrats as the GOP. Nevertheless, it was on Mike Straus that the new Secretary of the Interior leaned on when, alone and uncomfortable amid a sea of staring fares, he ate his first lunch in the de-It is doubtful if President partment of which he is now

> a friendly, energetic fellow who will probably get along well in ment far better than his Gen-Charles R. Wilson. As the big-Rest Chevrolet-Cadillac dealer in Oregon, for instance, McKay used to sell a lot of cars to the State. But when he became Governor he quit selling cars

For the law of Oregon is simllar to the Federal law, and no State executive can buy from McKay will not make mistakes on this or on a lot of other things, despite the fact I ctable, fresh fruit or salad. that he is still green regarding | Tea. 4 pm; Tea with milk, I ling a family. Now I have four

**Explore Your Mind** 

When the bands played back | trip to the Pacific to meet Gen. | see exactly whom his chief Kay asked someone in the Interior Department: "Who runs Wake Island?"

"You do," was the reply. CAUTIOUS-But aside from mlnor ignorance, McKay is not likely to make major mistakes. He's too smart and too cautious. He plays his cards close to his chest and he waits for a signal from the White House. He has been slow filling new Interior Department jobs. for | contracts of the Defense Deinstance, because he wants to | partment.

the White House wants. An when put on the griddle by the Senate Interior Committee regarding the red-hot issue of private power vs. public power, he carefully took a stand midway between. The two should co-operate, he said. This is the type of man who has taken over the reins of the richest department in Washington-a department with more concessions to hand out than

any other-harring the military

EUROPEAN

DEFENSE

## Factors To Consider In Reducing Diet

the physician has to consider the make-up of the patient, whether he or she will faithfully follow the diet and not take an occasional snack or candy. He also has to consider the physical condition of the overweight as to heart and kidneys, how long he can cut down the food intake and how long the reducing diet must be taken to obtain results. Reducing or reduction diets start as low as 200 calories a day, for, of course, just a few days, or they may be as high as 1500 to 2000 calories in strong individuals doing hard physical work whose daily food needs run from 3000 to 4000 calories. In the great majority of cases of merweight, physicians have found that the 1200 calorie diet is a "vafe" diet

SUGGESTION -- I have given 1200 calorie diets suggested by Drs. Harry Gauss, Sanford Blun and Jean Rogert, all United States nutrition authorities. I might be a change to consider the 1200 calorie daily diet of Dr. B I S. Bayliss in his book "Practical Procedures in Clinical Medicine." Dr. Bayliss is medical tutor and senior medical registrar. Postgraduate Medical School of Landon 1200 CALORIE DIET

Breakfast Tra or coffee with milk, egg, barnn or lish, one nunce bread, 14 ounce butter or margarine Midday, 2 nunces lean meal, theree, or 5 nunces lish: 4 nunces polatoes. Li nunce butter

In prescribing a reducing diet, I thick from a small loaft, 14 ounce hutter or margarine; fresh fruit or salad. Supper, 7 to 8 p.m.: A real nourishing meal, similar to that caten at midday. PROPORTIONS - It will be

noted that this daily diet con-

tains the proper proportions of the three main classes of foods -proteins (meat, eggs, fish), fats (butter, margarine) and starches (sugar, potatoes, bread). These foods contain the necessary vitamins and minerals. It will also be noted that this dict, although consisting of only 1200 calories, is spread over four meals instead of three. This means that as the overweight does not have to do without food for as long periods as with just three meals a day, there is therefore less chance of becoming weak between meals and so finding it necessary to eat some food before the next meal time.

WEIGHT-There are many helpful suggestions in Dr. Barton's booklet entitled "Overweight and Underweight." To obtain it just send 25 certs, to cover cost of handling and mailing, to the Bell Syndicate, in care of San Jose Mercury, Post Office Box 99. Station G. New York 19. N.Y.

Speaking To the Poin

MRS. CLYDE DEVINE, San or margarine; green or tool veg. | Carlos-Before I was married I had a lot of theories about rais-

# his big lob. Commenting on his I ounce bread tone slice 12 Inch 'children and no theories."



Answers to Question No. 1 I Because she has never Riown up. You have kept her lied to sour apron strings told her what to wear, who to play with and to beware of bons Cirls balutally associate with

MREV ATTITUDE MATCHES
ETECUTIVE ABBUTY?
YES NO I

let. "How to Become an Emotional Grownup," will help her -and, som Bent at end, the 'chine nais' pige effiaddresed winning therings Insure to Operation No. 2

in life themselves Insist that your tion inquiry conducted by two daughter go to parties with Vale University psychiatrists of the parties with older boys and girls. Our book-

By Albert Edward Wiggam, D.Sc.

homes" (whether rich or poor) were uniformly better reven when they had less knowledge of right and wrongs than those from bad, disorganized, neglectful, or harsh homes. Character builds character, goodness ereales goodness, happiness spreads happiness. Answer to Opention No. 3 2. Yes It's one strong indica-

lion, according to psychologist Burleigh Gardner, Chicago He linds that successful recruiters have "left home," cut their mother apron string." become grownop, and 'reychologically wraned" from their parents Boys who frequently write or phone or visit home when in college are not promising as exétulires. Sacréssful executires never set homesick. They love their parents but are not debendent on them or anybody. Their parents have taught them self-reliance the greatest lesson

HOW TO BE IN EMOTIONAL

Ruthless Candor Required •

By DOROTHY THOMPSON This week President Eisenhower appointed a new board. whose publicized purpose was to "unify psychological war." It will attempt to integrate, improve, and make more coherent the work of the Central Intelligence Agency, the State Department's various information bureaus abroad, the Voice of America, the Psychological Strategy Board, and give guldance to such unofficial agencies as the National Committee For a. Free Europe. This committee may be considered represented on the new hoard by D. C. Jackson, who initially directed its activities, which include conducting powerful radio station broadcasting behind the Iron Curtain.

ANDOR - We hope that this board will consider with ruthless candor whether our psychological warfare is helping America, or whether, in many cases, it is not aiding the battle for minds conducted by our enemies. If with all the energies expended we are losing ground -as we are; if America is not growing but receding in popularity abroad, something is radically wrong with our psychological approach. The new board might even consider whether silence might be preferable to more words. It might consider whether the very phrase "psychological warfare" does not betray failure to understand currents of thought among our allies and in neutral countries.

DIFFERENT-For our enemies. though they berate us continually, are not conducting among other peoples a psychological war campaign but a psychological peace campaign. They are not advocating that the cold war be intensified, but that it he ended. They are not publicizing the Soviet paradise. the A or II bomb, or the military strength of the USSR, but the danger of the American warmonger, controlled by Wall Street capitalists, who are compelled to push for world rearmament in order to keep the American economic system going. They are not talking of Soviet world leadership, but of independence and neutrality for

all the nations between the Soviet bloc and America. In view of this, this column has already asked whether it was psychologically intelligent to appoint bankers (Wall Street) as ambassadors to Britain and France, as we now question whether it is good psychology to appoint even the distinguished president of Harvard University, Dr. James B. Conant, as the new High Commissioner of West Germany-an eminent scientist, chiefly known abroad through his association.

since the beginning, with the development of atomic weapons ERROR - The members of the new board are largely persons with experience of psychological warfare during an actual shooting war, when they were attached, with high military titles, to various intelligence forces or psychological warfare agencies of the Armed Forces. A psychological strategy designed for war can hardly be the same as one designed to prevent

war and promote peace. On the new board, also, is the president of a great advertising agency, and a successful sales agent-though there is not one single nationally and internationally known and approved political analyst and writer, with long, intimate, and objective knowledge of foreign peoples. We see in these two appointments a continuation of the notion that political policies can be advanced by the techniques used to promote the sale of products. This is a dangerous

ALENTS—Psychology, applied to the creation and advancement of political policy, requires an entirely different type of mind and experience from the buckster's, America and its policies January 30 cannot be sold like automobiles. rigarets, resmeties or textiles or built up by the methods employed in this country by public relations counsellors

The talents required for the promotion of political objectives abroad are not those used in the presidential campaign to are rather those employed by Gov. Stevenson, who, though he lost the election here, was the rest of the free world And it is the test of the free world with which the new board must be concerned

Interesting

Potatoes turn brown after being peeled because of compounds in the vegetable called terosin and tyrotinase A complex chemical teaction occurs when the inner laver of the notain is exposed to nevern in the air and leads to the formation of a pigment called melanin, which giere the himsen color, . A \$100 000 000 coal distillais planned for Southern Illinois. America.

Public Forum

# What Mercury Readers Are Thinking

School Boards Need Help With Their Problems

Editor: I have been whiting for someone beter informed than I to answer R. W. Madsen's ques-, tion a few days ago as to why the increase in assessed valuation alone would not take care of additional school enrollment, However, I recently heard a rather simple illustration of the problem which I would like to pass on for the benefit of

Suppose we criginally had a farm of 10 acres with one home and an assessed valuation of \$3000. This farm, according to State statistics, had ninetenths of a child, but for the purpose of this problem we will call it one child. In subdividing this farm, each acre yields four homes with an assessed valuation of \$3000 each, giving us for the 10 acres, an assessed valuation of \$120,000. But these homes average, at a minimum, two children each, or 80 children.

The farm child was one of 25 or 30 in one school room, but 80 children need three classrooms and three teachers, plus many more feet of play area, which means we must vote bonds to build since ordinary school income will not supply the necessary additional buildings in the portions of our county. Also, note that the farm child has \$3000 in assessed valuation behind him, but the child in the average subdivision only

There are other factors that may be added, such as the fact that many of the new homes are those of veterans and as such are partially exempt. Also a big factor which Mr. Madsen cannot have overlooked, the decreased purchasing power of the dollar. We need good schools. Let's start cutting our taxes someplace else and try to realize that our school boards are faced with an increasingly difficult problem. The solution they bring to the taxpayers for their decision, since they may not arbitrarily increase taxes as other government departments can. They serve without recompense in your interest, giving freely of their time and effort as a community service. Let's help them with their problems. ELAINE B. ROBERTSON, Saratoga.

Art of Letter Writing

Should Be Stimulated

Editor: The art of good letterwriting is being lost almost entirely, and along with it a lot of constructive thinking. No one who will try hard to write a literate and interesting letter, really pouring out his soul to a friend, can help but bene-

llis friends will also benefit by receiving a documentary picture of character and disposition. The writer will unknowingly be improving his

thinking, spelling, vocabulary, poise, memory, and All are useful requisites in building a better. fuller life and better citizenship. The cost is only a little paper and ink. Much could be done by publishing companies having periodic letter-writing contests to revive such a worthy art. A nationwide movement in this would surely improve literacy and help to

make better citizens. There need be no cash awards. Publication of the winners' letter would not only be sufficient but also would encourage reading. The thing most of us do too little of. ALFRED E. BRIGHTON

### Thinks McCarthy Quote Revealed True Nature

Editor: It doesn't seem possible that Sen. Mc-Carthy actually said what he was quoted as saying in Ray Tucker's column today (Jan. 24): "The lime has now come when the word McCarthyism is synonymous with anti-Semetism."

If he did indeed say this, it is the prize Freudian slip ever made by a public figure. Tucker, of course, has chosen to treat the comment as if McCarthy had said what he intended to say, that McCarthyism is now synonymous with a war against anti-Semitism However, since many of us are convinced, with Freud, that the true man speaks through those errors, there should be grave doubts of the wisdom of allowing McCarthy to continue. McCarthy meant to make political capital of Stalin's Jewish purge, but his inner self revealed his true feelings toward the persecuted people.

A I. NUZUM

#### **School Annexation Bills** Step Toward Solution

Editor: We, the Faculty Club of James Lick High School, wish to take this opportunity to thank you for the editorial support of Assembly Bill No. 1 and Senate Bill No. 65 which appeared in the issue of Tuesday, January 20. Not only do we appreciate your stand in the matter, but we, ton, realize that these bills are not the last answer to the problem of annexation, either for us or for other districts. Let us consider this another step in the effort of a large, complex community to work fairly for the better interests of all.

BETTY TYSON Corresponding secretary

# It Happened Here

TEN YEARS AGO

If W. Smith was appointed manager of the San Jose branch of the Anglo California National promote Gen. Eisenhower. They | Bank, succeeding Daniel A Leonard . . . . The City Council's new committee to select persons for eight recognition met last night and elected Joseph George Jr. as chairman . . . Santa all-but-unanimous choice of the Clara Counts a financial institions have exceeded their \$2,000,000 January war bond quots, Chairman Paul Rudolph announced THESTY YEARS AGO

> The City Council voted to recommend the State route the Baschore Highwas through San Jose on First St. thus opposing the Planning Commissions bid for the Seventh St touting of the highway . . . . Wise Lucille Santoro was named to represent Foresters of America here in a Statewide beauty contest . . . The Santa Clara County Citizens League asked a million-

dollar reduction in County government expenses THIRTY YEARS AGO

The number of telephones used by San Joseans has increased over the past five years from 9934 to mer 13000 Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co officials sale . Snow fell in san Jose and a heave enating hlanketed castern and Western mountain tanges . The San Jose 100 Per Cent Club became the San Ime Kinanio Club at the regular meeting severday . . . • Miss May B Murphy was elected tion plant to produce chemicals. State secretary of the Catholic Daughters of