



**WHAT LOVELINESS!** The rugged mountains have taken on added beauty as they look up from depths of water. Perhaps it is due to their nearer and less austere appearance. They have been softened and humanized. We view them with less of fear. The high, cold, and majestic are too much for us of the everyday. But when caught in the transforming grace of the lake they call to us and claim our appreciation.

AND so is it with your ideals and mine... with your strength, courage, patience, kindness and even with your church. They are so faithfully reflected in the words we speak and in the deeds of our hands. They are brought within the common experiences of human fellowship. Blessed are the meek, the humble, the merciful, the pure in heart, when we meet them on our level. The great and glorious ideals need ever to be reflected from the lower waters of the family and the neighborhood. There our friends see us as we really are. They appreciate the graces and good values of nobility of soul. All the high dreams of our spirits must be translated and reflected back, as it were, from the lowly waters at the foot of the mountain peaks. You and I are known by the reflections seen. The waters do not quench our ideals. They beautify the highest and best in us. What are your reflections like?

**You In The Church...  
The Church In You**

Form a combination for good. We should attend church regularly every man, woman and child needs the influence of the CHURCH. Be faithful! Be a Churchman!

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## Sacramento Report

**By CHARLES CHAPEL**  
Assemblyman, 46th District

**School Laws**  
Under the California school code, the school teachers are supposed to lecture to the students on the evils of alcohol, narcotics, and tobacco. I am interested in learning how this is being done. Please ask all the school children you know when they last received a talk on these topics and what their reaction was. When you have this information, please write to me, at P. O. Box 777, Inglewood 1, and tell me what you have learned and what recommendations you have for any amendment of existing laws or passage of new laws in this field of education.

**Why I Quit**  
Three years ago an M. D. told me to quit smoking. I asked him why and he said that he did not know any benefits to be derived from smoking and he did know of many ill effects, including the possibility that smoking increases the danger of skin and lung cancer. I thought that perhaps this particular M. D. was a crank, hence I asked about 20 other M. D.'s about it and they all said the same thing. Therefore, I quit smoking and do not believe I shall ever go back to it.

Some of my friends who have the tobacco habit have asked me if I had any particular method of quitting smoking, that is, should a person taper off gradually, chew gum, eat candy, or do anything else? My answer is that if your reason for quitting is strong enough, then it requires less will power, but you must first thoroughly convince yourself. Having done that, the nervous reaction is terrible but gradually the craving disappears.

**Salt Water Intrusion**  
You may remember that about two years ago I obtained an appropriation from the State of \$750,000 to conduct a series of tests in Manhattan Beach to counteract salt water intrusion. In other words, we wanted to see if it would be possible to drive back the flow of salt water into our underground fresh water streams. The tests have been successful but the money is gone. We must appropriate more money and drive back salt water all along the coast, not merely at Manhattan Beach.

Edwin W. Dean, Publisher, Inglewood Daily News, suggested several months ago that if and when the State of California obtains the tideland oil royalty money now held by the U. S. Government, that we should consider spending some of that money to counteract salt water intrusion. At that time, I did not publicize Mr. Dean's suggestion because the public was more interested in spending the money on beaches, parks and other non-essential water intrusion. As Ben Haggott, City of South Bay executive of great ability says: "Nobody worries about water until the faucet goes dry." I have discussed this subject with many civic leaders. All of them agree that Dean is logically correct. Therefore, I wonder if the people prefer to see the money spent where they can look at it, on beaches, parks and harbors, or on fighting back the sea. Therefore, I invite everyone to give their opinion from telling me how that tideland oil money should be spent, when and if California gets it.

**Who Took Christ out of Christmas?**  
Mrs. Chapel and I spent four hours in a large stationery store examining big books containing samples of Christmas cards. Out of 723 different cards, there was not one card which mentioned the fact that Christmas is the birthday of Jesus Christ; there was not a single card which portrayed Mary, the Mother, and there was no card portraying the three wise men following the star.

I like Santa Claus, I like Jingle bells, I like the fun of giving and receiving gaily wrapped packages. I like Christmas songs in the air, I like the crowded stores, the joy, the gaily of Christmas, but are we not forgetting something when we take Christ out of Christmas?

**My New Year Resolution**  
Usually I do not make New Year Resolutions, but here I am I shall keep; I shall write to every publisher, printer and distributor of Christmas cards of whom I have any knowledge and tell him that in 1954 I shall not buy any Christmas cards which do not plainly set forth the fact that Christmas commemorates the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. If all who read this column will do the same, we shall find that the publishers and sellers of

## Looking at WASHINGTON

There is considerable debate among the economic experts today as to whether 1954 will really bring with a recession. The Civil Aeronautics Board was informed of the proposed fare increase Nov. 9 and interposed no objection. Eastern, which proposed the hike, waited a month and when no objection came from the CAB, ordered the increases into effect. The increases made the old \$44 coach fare from New York to Miami something over \$60, and increased other rates accordingly.

The President's policy of a free-hand for Herbert Brownell has him in hot water on several counts. The Brownell attack on Truman, for promoting Red spies got the President into hot water with many of his cronies who were in high positions in the former administration — as the President himself.

The Chief Executive tried to patch up this situation and finally attacked Senator Joe McCarthy openly on the Communism in government issue. This alienated some of his left-wing supporters.

Then the next week, the Attorney General went before the Supreme Court and asked that the state school system in 17 states and the District of Columbia be forced to end their dual school systems. The President's support for the states' rights principle thus went by the boards, and as a result his supporters in the South, who carried four states for him in 1952, dwindled fast.

But evidently Brownell thought he could win more left-wing support than he would lose on the other side. That formula worked for Harry Truman, so it will be given another test by the new administration.

## Invitations Mailed for Dance Party

Invitations have been mailed to local square dancers announcing the Recreation Department sponsored New Year's Eve square dance party, to be held Dec. 30 at 8 p.m. in the Civic Auditorium.

The Department's Tuesday night square dance class and the "Duo-matic Dols" class, which meet on Wednesdays, are holding the party jointly. No admission is charged.

Caller for the evening will be Darrell Brown, popular local square dance expert. A full house is expected and dancers are asked to arrive early.

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