

### A Nation With Many Blessings

As we prepare to enter the new year we have hopes for peace in Vietnam and for good business in 1967. Looking back on the year past, we have much to be thankful for—though we are engaged in a cruel war, with no end in sight. Yet for most of us the pursuit of life, liberty and happiness was a successful one in 1966.

We enjoy material wealth, our country is not a battleground and our economy is expanding. More people have more than ever before in history. Yet there is a crisis in our society; too many of our citizens disregard the law and the riots and violence of 1966 are an ugly commentary on the American way of life.

We are a people with many material blessings and for them we should be thankful; one way to exhibit our gratitude is to strive to make our towns and states better places in which to live, to strive to build the spirit of brotherly love, tolerance and respect for both the law and equal rights of all.

There is an opportunity for all Americans in this field in 1967.

### Ike And LBJ

One fortunate relationship on the high-level political scene in the United States is that between President Lyndon Johnson and former President Dwight D. Eisenhower. The reason for this relationship is clear.

When Eisenhower was President Johnson was Majority Leader of the Senate during the final years of Ike's service. The Majority Leader didn't play an all-out political game to embarrass the President. On issues of national defense he put the nation's interests—not a party's—first.

No doubt President Eisenhower appreciated this attitude and this has been clearly evidenced by Eisenhower statements on Vietnam. At no time has he attacked the LBJ policy or undermined his efforts. He has said the President deserves bi-partisan support in such situations.

President Johnson's suggestion that Ike make a goodwill trip to Asia and other parts of the world is in keeping with this relationship. It is refreshing to see men of different parties at such a level, put petty policies aside.

### Election Computers

This being the scientific age, we are turning increasingly to computers to forecast election results. And this has raised the question among Congressmen about election day, 1968.

In 1964 and in 1960 to an extent, computers forecast Democratic victories. The victories transpired but certainly in 1960 the computers proved optimistic. Some pointed out that computer predictions were already being aired on television before the polls closed in some western states.

This can certainly affect an election, especially a close one. And many Congressmen do not want election information including computer predictions scheduled before voting has been terminated everywhere in the nation.

A similar situation prevailed in the recent 1966 elections, when several computer predictions proved to be wrong.

In 1960 Nixon supporters complained about the airing of eastern (pro-Kennedy) election returns and computer forecasts before the polls had closed in California. They had and have a valid point.

### Laughter A Blessing

Laughter is a blessing provided you know when to laugh!

It is all right to laugh at yourself and highly beneficial to do so. It is even permissible to laugh with your friends but never make the mistake of laughing at your friends.

Not every person is psychic enough to understand that your merriment is an expression of friendly sympathy and good fellowship. They hear the raucous laughter but they seldom read your mind.

The person who can laugh at his, or her, mistakes will rise to become master of individual life. One who takes misfortune with a smile exhibits greater courage than those who grumble and complain and is on the road to wisdom and maturity.

People must learn to get along with less than perfect persons.

The salesman who knows when to sit and when to get is a good salesman.

An unintentional error is often stupid, but not as stupid as the derision which often greets it.



Who Sent For Him?

### Stories Behind Words

By William S. Penfield

#### Derrick

In the early part of the 17th Century there was a famous London hangman who conducted many executions at Tyburn, the place where public hangings were held.

The hangman, Godfrey Derrick, modified the tripod gallows in use at that time by lengthening one of the three legs, extending it beyond the point where the other two legs met at the top. A rope was suspended from the end of the extended leg so that those to be executed could be hoisted and hanged. This type gallows was called a "derrick," from the name of the man who invented and used it.

When a similar device was used to hoist goods from the holds of ships, the name "derrick" was transferred to it.

### FARMS and FOLKS

By L. C. HAMILTON

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A 90,000-acre tract between Camden and Cheraw that was purchased by the Federal government in 1939 because it was too poor to farm may become a leading sport and fun park.

Under the guidance of foresters and wildlife specialists, the huge spread, now called Sand Hill State Forest, is becoming a haven for doves, quail, deer, and turkey. New picnicking, camping, and educational facilities will soon be offered.

That this sandhill area is being populated with wild game would certainly surprise a traveler returning here after a 30-year absence. During the '30's, when the area was covered with small, sub-marginal farms, old timers said the land was too poor to support game.

The S. C. Commission of Forestry headquarters at Patrick, under the direction of Roger L. Hagwood, this year sold 1,485 dove hunting permits. There were also hunts for quail and deer.

How game is being multiplied was shown to me by Assistant State Forester E. C. Pickens, Columbia, and William L. Barr, timber sales date three have been com-

forester located at Patrick. Feed patches for doves, quail, turkey, and deer are being planted in open places and along borders throughout the huge forest. And the foresters are using mechanical methods and mist sprays of 2,4,5-T to kill scrub oaks to encourage the growth of native annual herbaceous plants that provide feed for game. It has been said that game does not do well where pines are planted, and there are thousands of acres of pines at Sand Hill. But management techniques of the foresters here are showing that game and pines are compatible. They point out that game will thrive on the pokeberry and native sandpea if the scrub oaks are controlled during the early years of a new pine planting.

Then, when the pines begin to close in, the game can migrate to nearby mature stands of pine or go to the feed patches that are provided. Affected pines are thinned the game can come back into the stand again.

The S. C. Commission of Forestry is also constructing fishing lakes at Sand Hill. To date three have been com-

### Youth Wants to Know

By RANDY GRIFFITH

Do you ever get the feeling that you're not good? How can a person build up his own self-confidence and sense of personal worth?

Tackling this problem, if it exists, is the first step in overcoming feelings of inferiority.

Then consider the ways in which you are like other people. You will be very surprised to find that in many ways you are not quite as "different" as you had imagined. In addition, look at the points about yourself which show that you are better than other people your age. This is not bragging because everyone has at least one or two such points. You may have a better speaking voice; you may run faster, or hammer a nail straighter, or look better, or cook better. Count

Extensive clearing is also under way, leading to a large expansion in picnicking and camping facilities.

One camping site, Cheraw State Park, about three miles south of Cheraw, is presently in use. One mile south there has just been completed another prime attraction that is sure to make the area more popular.

The Bureau of Sports Fisheries and Wildlife, U. S. Department of the Interior, has raised an attractive brick building that houses one of the few public aquariums in South Carolina. Although the S. C. Commis-

ing up your good points will do you no harm. Note your weak points too. After all, these are the ones you need to work on. Face them honestly and they will not trouble you as much as before. For example, suppose you are not super smart in school or that you are not tops in looks. Admitting these facts will help you not to trip over them so often. But then, some people think they are not pretty when actually it's not true at all. It takes much work to discover one's real self in such a case. You are human, so you will slip back into old ways of thinking. Feelings of not-being-good-enough will not clear up in a day or a week. But they will, if you work with them.

pleted. Present plans call for nine. Mr. Pickens said the other lakes should be completed in about two years.

Department of the Interior holds the deed to the tract and retains some game and recreation rights on 45,000 acres. This includes a fly-over stop for wild ducks and geese, and in this refuge no hunting is allowed.

Sand Hill now offers several good recreational opportunities, and the opportunities are increasing. The surprising thing is that it's happening in this area of deep white they said it couldn't be done. sand where, a few years ago,

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### One-Man, One-Vote

One of the ironies causing widespread legislative reorganization all over the United States today is an interpretation by the present U. S. Supreme Court of the constitutionality of state constitutions which established numerical representation standards in state senates.

In effect, the Supreme Court ruled that state senates based on equal representation by counties (rather than population) were unconstitutional. In the opinion of many constitutional lawyers, the high court overstepped itself and erred. The decision could well be reversed at a later date.

After all, the U. S. Constitution itself established representation standards in the U. S. Senate not unlike many of those established by state constitutions for state senates. Will the U. S. Supreme Court, a majority of whose members were not judges when they received their political appointments, rule that the U. S. Constitution is itself unconstitutional? That seems to be the next step.

Some of the state constitutions which have now been ruled unconstitutional are as old as the U. S. Constitution. In state legislative organizations wherein there is a lower body with representation based on population it is hard to see how senates based on concepts similar to that government membership in the U. S. Senate could suddenly be unconstitutional.

### Good Medicine For Both

The public has been conditioned to expect another tax increase, and it has been instructed to curb its spending as a means of holding down prices. Government officials should recommend the same medicine for themselves. Government spending and debt create inflation and depreciate our money.

As one reads the editorials in the country weekly and daily newspapers, one sees more and more comment on the failure of Congress to curb its own spending, while asking the people to be frugal. Only the people can control the spenders, who will not control themselves. In the November, 1966, elections, public concern over the expanding cost and power of government may well have been one of the significant messages that came from the polling booths.

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