HOW OLD IS 'TOO OLD'?

WHEN John L. Lewis' miners were on their three-day work week there was discussion here and there about the possibility that ail of us would be working a three-day week if advances in industrial techniques continued. Today with more than four and a half million out of work, some economists are zerously safvocating a shorter work week with the consequent employment of more workers.

That may or may not be the answer, but there must be an answer somewhere for the hundreds of thousands of able-bodded men and women who are year by year.

the hundreds of thousands of abla-bodied men and women who are year by year finding it harder to obtain jobs simply because they have become middle-aged.

Most employers understand well enough that these workers are not 'too old', that they are in the prime of life and at the peak of their working ability. Yet they turn them aside to hire younger, untrained persons. Their reasons—some justifiable, some fallacious—were presented in a series of two articles which appeared in The News this week.

MORE PATCHWORK

MR. TRUMAN'S message on the cotton-peanut-potato acreage act he signed last week states clearly the deficiencies of piecemeal farm legislation. Said the Pres-

the nesent farm program rather than patchine it up with make-shift legislation."

The trouble with the bill, Mr. Truman added, is that it makes one step in the right direction—toward tighter production controls for polatoes—and one step in the wrong direction—encouraging extra production controls are polatoes—and supplies that the production acrosp and the state of the system of determining acreage allotments and marketing quotas.

Mr. Truman's message was designed to build Congressional favor for the Brannan Plan which, so far, has been opposed by major farm groups and most members of the Congress. The Brannan Plan may not be the best answer, but it is becoming inreasingly apparent that some new approcach to the whole question of farm price

But one thing lacking in the articles and one thing lacking in the minds of the economists and sociologists who are dis-turbed about the situation is an answer. Just as no Pederal Commission should have the right to tell an employer he must hire a person whom he does not want to hire, no one should have arthousts to a visihire a person whom he does not want to hire, no one should have authority to tell employers they must hire a man of 40 if they want to hire a man of 25.

Secretary of Labor Tobin's suggestion that public works projects might alleviate the problem has certain disadvantages and revision of social security laws does not promise immediate relief.

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Perhaps the only answer lies in broader
understanding by employers. Let them remember that the health of business and
industry is tied up in the economic health
of the community and let them also remember that while there are benefits to be
derived from youth, there are squal if not
greater benefits to be derived from experience.

supports will have to be made.

Most everyone is familiar by now with
the 1949 potato scandal. It will be just as
bad, if not worse, this year, because the
bill doesn't make production quotas effective until 1951.

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And now a new scandal is shaping up.
Harold Fleming, business columnist for the
Christian Science Monitor predicts that
the coming "butter bust" will soon rival
the spuds flaseo in public notoriety.
Last year, the Commodity Credit Corp.
bought 100 million pounds of the best butthe price at 80 per cent of parity. The
COC has given away or sold 15 million
pounds, but the 85 million pounds still on
hand is beginning to spoil. Meanwhile,
there are prospects of increased butter
production in this year and a decreasing
demand for butter. So COC may soon be
buying several million pounds of butter a
week while that on hand continues to

spoil.

The consumers will put up with this ridiculous situation for a while longer, but their patience is not limities. If the Congressional farm bloc wants to stave off the Brannan Plan, it had better come up with some other solution or find 'tiself' forced to accept Mr. Brannan's baby.

SCHOOL FOR DELINQUENTS?

JUDGE Williard I. Gatling's suggestion that a special manual training school be established for Charlotte's "potential delinquents" deserves the attention of the public as well as educators.

Judge Galling, who presides over Char-lotte's Domestic Relations and Juvenile Court, says there are at least 200 young-sters in the city who are following the path that led fitteen-year-old Ted Frank-lin Willard to kill a Monroe Road service station owner last week-end.

That path? Broken homes, no parental supervision or affection, expulsion from chool, odd jobs here and there and, inally, crime.

Day by day, Judge Gatling says, these "potential delinquents" parade through

THE FOCAL POINT OF LIFE

(A Holy Week Guest Editorial)

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TI IS often at this season that one hears,
the plaintive reference to the hereity of
the life of our Lord. "What a pity," it is
said, "that His life was surfed out as
soon. Think how much He might have
accomplished had He lived to a ripe old
age." It is one thing to regret that wicked
men laid rude hands upon the Son of Oci;
it is quite another to cast doubt upon the
completeness of the life He lived. As we
measure time it was a relatively short life,
but in terms of eternity it is a life which
has no ending and never shall.

To one who lives in the Christian Faith
it should become increasingly clear that
the significance of the life which our Lord
lived on earth derived from the fact that
He lived always in terms of a reference
point which gave meaning to His life.
From the appearance of the Angelic Messenger to the Blessed Virgin, until in agony
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supering the sentence of the life which
stand the sentence. There is drawn the
clearest picture of man's true relationship
to his Crestor.

That is why Easter is for Christians the most Joyful of all occasions; joyful because of the knowledge that our Lord could use the Cross as a means toward an end. Death is swallowed up in victory because death became a which became which became will of God.

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Easter brings again the occasion for us to reconstruct our lives, placing God in Christ at the focal point of our existence, as the reference point of the meaning of life, as the object of our devoted love. It is in such a life that true Joys are to be found.

Don't shoot your wife—send her an or-chid—take her to dinner and a show. The shock will kill her.—Greenville (Tenne-Sun.

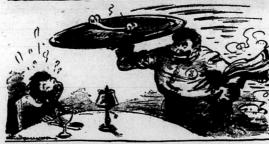
No. the country isn't run very well. It never was and just between ourselves, to go no further, it never will be—Lamar (Mo.) Democrat.

An Iowan built a doghouse eight by ten feet with brick walls and electric heat. Probably the envy of every husband in the block.—Ft. Myers (Fla.) News-Press.

Fome In Which A Word Is Spoken Versus
A Life Of Lawlessness:

Persons who engage in crime
Gamble with their future time.—
Atlants (Ga.) Journal.





Uncle Sam Intervenes

Segregation Issue Argued

American Jewish Committee;
B'nai B'rith (Anti-Defamation League);
National Citizens' Council on Civil Rights;
Committee of Law Teachers Against Seg
in Legal Education;

an Federation of Teachers (AFFAL); an Jewish Congress; ss of Industrial Organizations (CIO):

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Peoples Platform

Note Of Thanks

CHAPEL HILL

Quote, Unquote

The sooner you realize what living is worth in our country, the less you'll worry about the cost of it.

—Matteon (III.) Journal-Gazette.

It isn't that John Lewis and other labo are so strong; it is merely that the polit Washington are so weak, —New Orleans (La

Too had that leopard had to die. It probably would have cotten a movie contract. —Dallas (Tex.)

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Absence Of Shooting Is Only Difference In Hot, Cold War

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Tested Means Of Countering Spies Not Always Followed

By MARQUIS CHILDS

Congressman Threat To Safety In Air

Drew Pearson's

Merry-Go-Round

Note: Later when O'Connell asked if he might sak a question to clarify a point raised during the hearings, Roomey abouted. "Pelis" to 172. a vote of 179 to 172.

McCarthy Gyrations

Kerr Bill Battle

HERE'S the inside story of how supporters of the Kers hill manipulance the vote to jam it through the House 178 to 178.