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A Look Downhill

There are many people who try to rationalize fear away with the old saw that "it's all in the head." In a sense, it is, but psychologically, fear is a definite reality. It is the final culmination of negative thinking.

Fear can invade a whole town, if there are enough individuals, preaching the negative side of things. And, if allowed to continue, it can eventually ruin a town.

There are too many people who fear Decatur might lose an industry. There are merchants who fear that business might get worse, instead of better. There are many citizens who fear that the tax rate might increase. And, believe it or not, there are those who fear that the city might progress.

The biggest evil connected with fear in particular and negative thinking in general is the fact that if we fear something long enough, it will become a reality. We can condition our minds to the point where we actually act to bring about our worst fears — if we have fears.

All of which sounds pretty frightening. But the opposite is just as true, and certainly much brighter.

Those people, those businesses, those cities that have an aura of confidence, a feeling of success, are the winners. Those merchants who feel that business is good are the ones that have good business. Those communities that appreciate industry for its positive additions and contributions are the ones that obtain and keep industry. And those industries that stay positive, stay healthy and prosperous.

The successful person does not think in terms of success because he is successful — he is successful because he thinks in terms of success.

That sounds ridiculously easy, and it is.

In fact, it's so simple that many will not believe it. They will not believe every great philosophy from the Bible through the ancient Greeks and into the moderns. Each one of these philosophies has somewhere in it, in almost identical words, the fact that a man's life is the result of his thoughts. It follows, that the results of a group of men's efforts are what they thought.

Despite every positive example that this philosophy is true and workable, there is that group of people that do not really want success for themselves or others. This group would rather wallow in their own excuses, their own self-pity than look forward with enthusiasm to a bright and prosperous future.

The breaks come to those people, businesses and cities that are prepared for them and looking for them. The others deserve a floating glance of sorrow for having so little self-respect — nothing else.

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TV PROGRAMS

Central Daylight Time

WANE-TV

Channel 15

MONDAY

Evening: 1:00 — Life of Riley
1:30 — Tex Edelberg News
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2:30 — To Tell The Truth
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TUESDAY

Morning: 7:15 — Daily Word
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7:30 — The Shadetree
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11:30 — Clear Horizon
11:45 — CBS — News

Wednesday

12:00 — Love Of Life
12:30 — Search For Tomorrow
12:45 — Guiding Light
1:00 — Ann Colone's Woman's Page

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