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America's Great Opportunity

America is facing one of the greatest opportunities in its long and eventful history.

Life, in general, may be said to consist of opportunities. That truth applies both to individuals and nations.

It would be interesting and illuminating to pursue that line of thought both in the life of the individual and the history of nations.

What is success? Is it not determined by a person's decision in some particular situation? If he or she decides one way, it may lead to heights of achievement; if he or she decides on a different course, it may and often does lead to failure.

What was it Shakespeare said on the point? Something to the effect that "there is a tide in the affairs of men which taken at its ebb leads on to fortune." Well, Shakespeare hit the nail on the head. There is such a tide and, if the individual conforms to it, he or she will be swept forward to success and happiness; but, if he or she ignores or resists it, failure and disappointment inevitably result.

The application of that great principle is especially timely at this season of the year when school and college bells are calling the youth of the land back to the campus and classroom.

Education spells success in various occupations in capital letters, not only in dollars and cents, as statistics indicate, but also—and this is more important—in human welfare. So it is obvious that that decision of the boy or girl to obtain an education is vital and may determine his or her entire future life.

And what has been said of the individual and the importance of his or her decision at crucial moments is equally applicable to nations. History is replete with illustrations of that fact. It would be a fascinating study just to read history from the dawn of civilization and note how the decisions of rulers, of governments and of the people themselves created certain trends which resulted in vast national or world movements and actually inaugurated new epochs and new forms of government.

Just think of what happened when the Declaration of Independence was signed! Try to imagine, if you can, what would have been the result if that little band of patriots had not stood firm and the Declaration of Independence had not been signed. It staggers the imagination. And the same thing is equally true of some other great, vital and far-reaching crises in the "affairs of men."

In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, decisions are made of such stupendous importance that they determine the destiny of both men and nations.

And all this is introductory to the theme of this editorial: to wit, that the general election which is scheduled to occur in this country in November is one of the greatest, most crucial opportunities which America has ever faced. It might well be called one of those epochal turning points in the history, not only of this country, but also of the world.

The Frontier has no desire or inclination to indicate to or even advise anybody how they should vote in the forthcoming presidential election—that is the right of every citizen after careful thought and study, but it does most emphatically urge all citizens to go to the polls and vote for somebody.

That is a right, a duty and a privilege—a right, indeed, which millions of people in the world do not have today—and no one should be so unappreciative and unpatriotic as not to exercise it.

The most important thing, as we see it, in the presidential election this year is its international import. People all over the world and particularly certain dictators are going to watch this coming election with intense interest and the results are destined to have a tremendous influence on future events.

The point is that, in our opinion, the patriotism and loyalty of American citizens will be gauged by the number of votes which are cast this year and it is, therefore, a duty for every citizen to go to the polls and vote.

Ballots are more impressive and important in human history than bullets and a great demonstration of our patriotism now may avert disaster and bloodshed later.

The eyes of the world will be upon America in November, 1948. Let the ambitious dictators scan the returns and tremble.

Polio Panic Decried

The Nebraska State Medical Journal has some interesting comments on the annual polio panic.

"In the United States," the magazine says, "each year sees increased anxiety over poliomyelitis. No one can argue sensibly that there has not been a great increase in the number of cases of acute anterior poliomyelitis reported. Whether this reported increase indicates an actual numerical increase over cases in previous years, or whether it is due to a better understanding and improved facilities for diagnosis is anyone's guess. The fact is, with the coming of summer for the past few years, parents in practically every community express unconcealed worry and fear over prospects of the family being struck down by polio. In many instances children are kept sheltered to the point of inactivity lest they be exposed to polio and suffer the consequences."

"This Journal has always believed in the practicability and necessity of public education in matters of public health. From this path we do not deviate. We maintain that it is our duty to keep the public informed on sound principles to health and on the importance of good medical care for themselves and their families. When, however, the situation becomes so confusing that many of our citizens go around with the feeling that the axe is going to fall and in their fear and confusion keep themselves and their children miserable, there is something wrong somewhere. Many more children are crippled or killed as a result of avoidable accidents than of acute poliomyelitis. However, no parent would think of keeping a youngster confined to the house or to his immediate neighborhood for fear of having him crippled or killed. Yet that is exactly what is taking place now in many homes as a result of the 'polio' obsession."

"The perennial polio panic, so far as we can see, is wholly unnecessary and unjustified."

A Harvard professor says Americans ought to live a little more like animals. In other words, give the wife a bear hug before hibernating behind the evening paper.

Seems incredible, but it's true. We heard the distinguished Senator Barclay pronounce the word, "Moscow," on the radio the other day as though it had a "cov" in it.

Henry Kaiser leased a blast furnace from the War Assets Administration, but the biggest blast occurred the minute other steel men found out about it.

They say meat in Australia is "plentiful and cheap." That report should boost the population.

But That's a Kid's Natural Reaction

KEEP YOUR EYES OFFA THAT CAPITALIST



Prairieland Talk —

Brady-Moss Setup Has Something to Do with Landing Black Bass

By ROMAINE SAUNDERS

On the last half of September and the weather gauge still indicating temperatures up around 100. During August and thus far in September the celestial furnace poured a flame across the land that affected even mountain and seaboard regions. Corn has been brought to early maturity and gathering the crop began a month early in some southern counties. Some corn farmers held over from last season \$2.50 corn that is now less than \$1.50 and held over wheat for three cents more per bushel has gone the other way about a dollar. The farmer that could afford to hold the grain can probably afford the loss he has invited his way.

At the 26th annual session of the Izaak Walton League two Holt county citizens were included in the list of officials of the league, Frank Brady, of Atkinson, and Clerk of the District Court Ira Moss. I believe this setup has something to do with the technic of landing a black bass. I never had the advantage of expert instruction, but on one trip to the Little Cedar had the fool's lack to catch half a gunny sack full of 2-pounders.

Presidential candidates are on the wing. The farmers of Iowa and Illinois are greatly beloved along toward election time but they are not likely to be hoodwinked by the raving and caving of any candidate. It is regrettable, if not down right disgraceful, if any candidate for the exalted office of president should resort to abusive tirades hoping to gain votes thereby.

According to a native Russian, who worked in the Siberian gold mines until his get away, the Russian government's take from the mines amounts to 225 million dollars annually. Ours is about 70 million dollars.

No less an authority than the Carnegie Foundation expert says 85 per cent of teachers may attribute their success as teachers to their personality, with but 15 per cent making a success of it because of teaching ability.

Politicians and musicians are numerous; statesmen and poets are rare. Sinners are plentiful, some saints. Anyone can daub the page; only the hand of the artist has the gift to blend colors. From the tongue of the vulgar and profane flow words; the beauty of speech and charm of literature are the gift from the cultured and refined. With the crowd there is the brief pulsation of joy, the unrest of hope and fear, the pressure of life's uncertainties. With the few there is serenity of mind and abiding faith.

A little old Irish woman, bowed by the weight and work of many years, whom I meet up with occasionally on the street as she goes about peddling a few eggs and stop for the day's greetings, one of that numerous group whom the Lord meant when He said, "The poor you have always with you," has inherited a home and \$8,000 in cash. I know of no one who needs it more or is as deserving.

The trouble with a half truth we get the wrong half; and to be broad minded admits only of shallow thinking.

Lincoln City Lines, the city bus service, was granted the authority to raise fares from 4 tokens for 25c to 2 for 15c. Some bus patrons bought up a supply of tokens at the old price, one may said to have acquired \$47 worth. A bus driver informs me the company has \$16,000 represented in the little metal buttons that you slip in the fare receptacle they call tokens.

What experience Mr. Truman has had, if any, as a dirt farmer has not come to our notice. Mr. Wallace is at least a swivel chair farmer and the richest in the lot. Maybe that gentleman down in Dixie has been a cotton picker. Gov. Dewey has had honest to goodness farm background, but I don't know as that is either here or there in qualifications for the presidency.

Presidential elections come but once in four years; sports go on forever.

Easy Spending is Called Dangerous

By A. STOLLER

"It will only cost you a dollar."

You hear that statement over and over on the radio and through various other mediums today.

It sounds pleasant and plausible.

"Only a dollar!" The utterance conjures up a beguiling picture of what you may obtain for such a trifling sum. A paltry dollar and just think of all you are going to buy for that amount.

Yes, that oft-repeated statement, "It will only cost you a dollar," has an attractive sound, but the writer's opinion is that the idea contained in it is ominous and dangerous.

There is no disputing the fact that a dollar or any other sum wisely spent is a good investment and advertising the fact is good business. All that is legitimate enough, but that is not what we have in mind.

Our thought is that these enticing words are often misleading and are used to high pressure people into buying gadgets, trinkets, drugs, songs, books and many other articles which they do not need.

The statement, "It will only cost you a dollar," underestimates the value of a dollar. It is characteristic of the "Easy come, easy go" spirit of the age in which we live. The public is urged continually to buy things they don't need because they may be able to afford it at the moment. But the whole idea is wrong.

This nation was built on the foundation of thrift—to some of our ancestors, the dollar, so lightly regarded now, represented wealth—and the present tendency is deplorable.

We need a revival of the penny-saving philosophy of Benjamin Franklin.

Four hundred sixty-four Nebraska grown hogs sold down at Nebraska City for \$41,188. How much of this wad, after the tax collectors and the feed merchants get theirs, the two brothers who brought the pigs to market will retain is not stated but they are probably good for half the sale price.

Thermometers register 80. Two days ago it was above 90. The sun poured merciless heat along the concrete streets and withering, sweltering humanity just about expired. Today gray clouds hang above the city, soggy, wet and chill. Householders clean up the oil burners, fire furnaces or light the gas.

A man's religious and political adherence may sometimes cause him to accept some pretty silly stuff.

TEST YOUR I. Q.

QUESTIONS

- 1. Why are low shoes called oxfords?
2. What date is generally accepted by historians as the beginning of civilization?
3. Why is a sombrero so-called?
4. Which continent produces the most oil?
5. When was the Washington Monument in Washington, D. C., completed?

ANSWERS

- 1. Because such footwear was first made and worn at Oxford, England.
2. The beginning of human civilization has been placed at approximately 4000 B. C. by most historians.
3. The word is derived from the Spanish "sombre," meaning shade.
4. North America ranks first in the world's oil production, with South America second.
5. It was finished in 1884 and dedicated a year later.

BIBLE COMMENT

For Sunday, October 3

SOME TIPS ON HOW TO UNDERSTAND BIBLE TO GREATER EXTENT

Sixty-six books in one—39 in the Old Testament and 27 in the New—that is the collection of books that we call "The Bible."

In many editions and translations it is familiar to most of us in the so-called "Authorized Version," dating from 1711, and "authorized" by King James I of England, who commissioned the translation. Discovery of early manuscripts, that were not known in 1611, have led to minor changes in revised versions and clarification of certain passages.

But the main teaching concerning God, and the way of life and salvation, has not been affected by any of these changes.

A few simple facts ought to be borne in mind by anyone who would read the Bible intelligently, both for enjoyment and for spiritual guidance and profit. The failure to observe such simple facts has led to a great deal of futile controversy, and often to a missing of the Bible's deepest message.

First of all is the fact that the Bible is an eastern book and is marked by imagery and figurative language. The greatest and deepest truths may be expressed in parable, or fig-

uratively. To read the Bible with crude, western literalism is often to miss its inner and essential truth.

The Bible, too, is a translated book. That does not mean that we, who can read only English, cannot know its truth.

But it does mean that it is wise and profitable to compare different translations, and that it is unwise to base controversies and speculations upon the English words in individual passages.

The Bible itself tells us that it is a progressive revelation. We cannot know its highest truth, by taking proof texts, a random, from any part, as of equal value in revealing God's truth and God's will. Jesus said there was a higher truth and way of love. An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth were better than blind vengeance that took a life for an eye or a tooth. But mercy and forgiveness were better still.

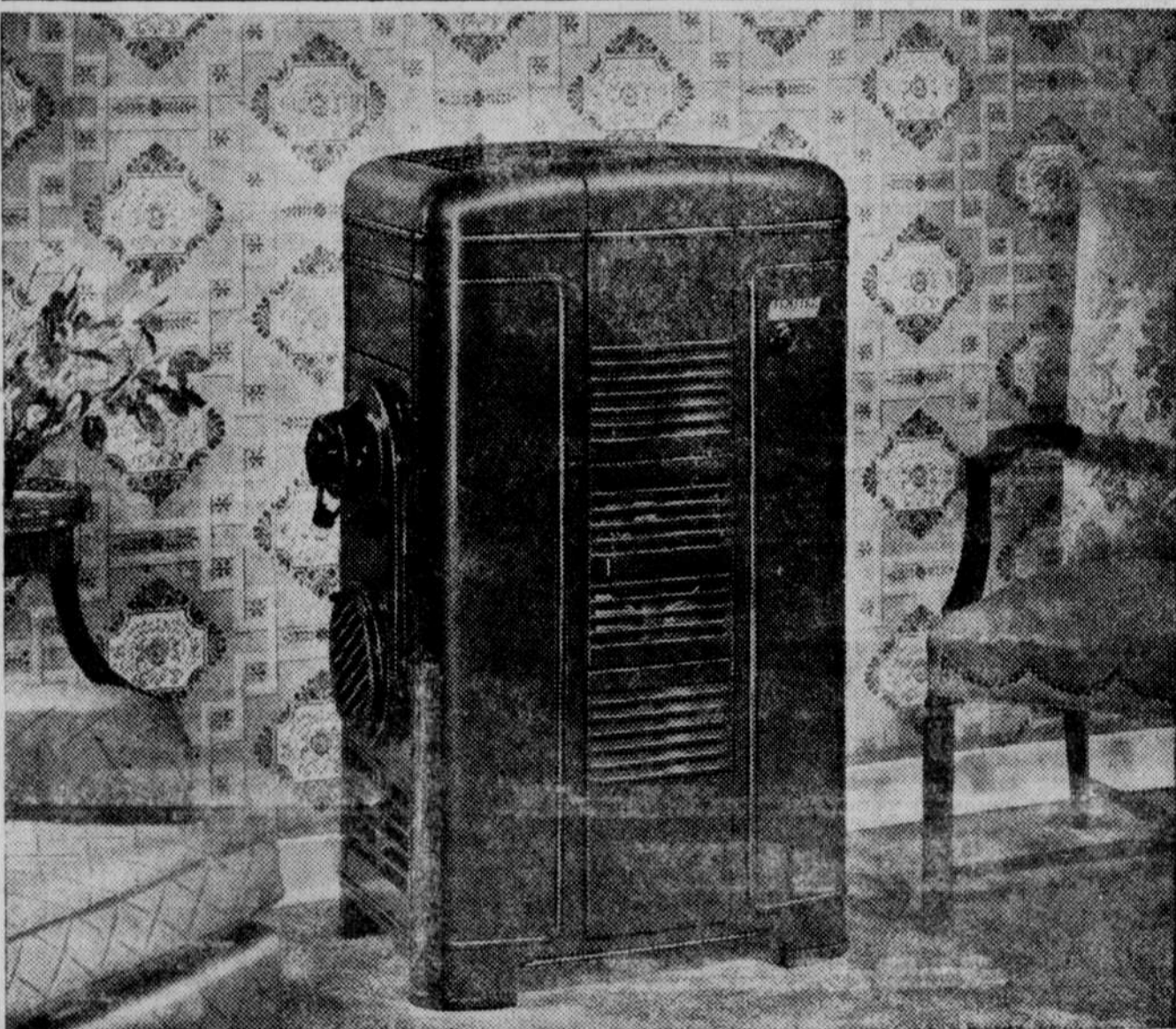
Film Shown —

INMAN—The Young Adult Fellowship of the Inman Methodist church sponsored a Hiram and Mirandy party at the IOOF hall Friday night, September 24. A motion picture was shown and a lunch was served.

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