

EDITORIALS

SAYS WORRIES HAVE TOO MANY OPINIONS

Having too many opinions about things can give you a headache, raise your blood pressure and keep you awake nights. That's the conclusion drawn by Leonard M. Leonard in the January Journal of Living.

Ninety per cent of the things that bother us are usually difficulties that we develop in our minds and are not borne out by facts, declares Mr. Leonard. Most of us tend to take simple happenings and complicate them with our opinions—and that's when worry and trouble start.

Should the boss forget to say good morning, we begin to worry about it and before we know it, we're convinced we're about to be fired. The actual fact may be that the boss had a dig deal on and just didn't notice us.

There are no realities which are not colored by our opinions, Mr. Leonard points out. Things are made good or bad, better or worse, by what we think of them.

LABOR AND FREE ENTERPRISE

The U. S. News recently published an interesting interview with Philip Murray, head of the CIO, in which he affirmed his opposition to socialism and said, in addition, that labor is a believer in the American free enterprise system.

That is a worthy attitude, and Mr. Murray is to be congratulated for holding it. However, there are some segments of American labor whose actions are hardly designed to keep free enterprise alive, and healthy, and fully capable of meeting the needs of the public.

Labor in the coal mines is one of the prime examples of this trend. A union with hundreds of thousands of members is dominated by a single man. That man, through the institution of industry-wide bargaining and other monopolistic techniques, can, at his whim, shut down an enterprise upon which thousands of industries and millions of individual consumers depend.

A labor monopoly or an industrial monopoly is equally dangerous to the welfare of the country—and equally dangerous to the perpetuation of free enterprise. Ultimately, the country and Congress will learn that the only solution is to make labor subject to the same kind of anti-trust laws that govern business.

DOWN MEMORY LANE

Fred P. Busch, was named to presidency of Business Mens Ad Club with C. C. Westcott, vice president and W. H. Puls treasurer. The farm home of Emmett Rice, southeast of Murray was robbed while owners were absent. Basketball quintet of P.H.S. 1939 was composed of Robert Hayes, Ronald Rebal, Warren Reed, Donald Wall and John Tidball.

Furse's Fresh Flashes

For us there's about twenty years left yet between tired and retired.

People never miss money they don't see or handle. That's why husbands and small taxpayers are so unconcerned.

Just because he was nice yesterday, women and dogs expect a man to be nice everyday.

Flipper Fanny, our dainty little contour twister, tells us that she intends to just throw her self away—but, she added, "I expect to take pretty careful aim."

There's no such thing as an idle rumor—they're always busy.

A local little girl tells us that her mother is her nearest relative and her father is the closest.

You can't get a divorce from your husband because he has flat feet, unless, of course, his feet visit the wrong flat.

After ordering a roast beef sandwich at a local restaurant the other day, the waitress inquired whether he would eat it there or take it with him. He replied that he hoped to do both.

Saw a lost ad the other day that read "Will the gentleman who picked up the fur coat on Route 75 last night please return the blonde that was in it. No questions asked."

gram dedicated to him by the children of St. John's parochial school and their instructors the Ursuline sisters. Dr. A. V. Hunter D.D., former pastor here, visited the city in the interests of Wesleyan University, serving in the capacity of field secretary. January 12 marked the 51st anniversary of the Blizzard of 1888 which resulted in several deaths and losses to stock and property through the Dakotas, Nebraska and parts of Iowa.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

Miss Ruth Lindsay, supervisor of music in the public schools returned from a visit at Lodi, Wisconsin, her home. Col. M. A. Bates, veteran editor and commander of the Grand Army post of this city, was named a member of the Cass County Soldier's Relief commission, to fill the two year-term of the late Thomas Wiles. Co. Agent L. R. Snipes arranged a corn and hog day feature program for February 5th. Adam Meisinger of Cedar Creek was given a surprise party on January 12th on the anniversary of his 60th birthday.

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DREW PEARSON SAYS:

REAL ESTATE LOBBY CONCOCTS NEW PROPAGANDA SCHEME; SEN. DOWNEY LOBBIES AMONG NEW CALIFORNIA COLLEAGUES; WHITE HOUSE BOYS ENCOURAGE LATIN-AMERICAN DICTATORS.

WASHINGTON.—The Real Estate Lobby has concocted a new unique wrinkle in propaganda—letters to editors. Charles Stewart, press chief for the National Association of Real Estate Boards, conceived this idea for free publicity and sent it out in a confidential letter to local real estate boards.

The letter urged: "Letters to the Editor" columns of newspapers offer an opportunity to get before the public with facts that are important to public issues affecting real estate. This is being overlooked as a public relations medium.

"In every city where rent control prevails, there are persons put to unreasonable hardship by it. Some owners of small rental properties are required to accept depression level rent on properties in which the tenant rents out a room or two for more than the entire maximum rent enforced by the Housing Expeditor.

"Unfortunately persons aggrieved in this manner are known to board members. Why not contact them and ask them to give the facts about their individual situations in their own words to editors of local newspapers?"

FRENCH FRIENDSHIP In Strasbourg, France, is a small factory which makes stained-glass windows for churches. It is run by Tristan Ruhlmann, a 24-year-old Frenchman who spent most of the war fighting in the resistance movement.

After the war he started his stained-glass-window factory and, a few weeks ago, heard over the radio the story of how Frenchmen were contributing gifts to the Merci Train to thank the American people for the Friendship Train.

Whereupon M. Ruhlmann, feeling that he had something uniquely French to offer, designed and manufactured a special stained-glass window for the American people. In the center of the window is a father showing a map of the United States to his son, while around the borders of the window are the coats-of-arms of the Alsatian Cities contributing to the Thank-You Train.

THE \$64 QUESTION



Because so many French Churches had their windows destroyed, M. Ruhlmann's factory has more orders than it can fill, but he took time to make this window for the American people.

Note—So many precious historical gifts have been put aboard the Merci Train that the Smithsonian Institution, custodian of the Government's Historical Treasures, has been asked to help in the care and distribution of gifts.

SENATOR DOWNEY PERSEVERES

Busy-as-a-bird Senator Sheridan Downey, sometimes called "The Pacific Gas and Electric" Senator from California, has been quite active recently re his own worries over re-election. However, he took time out the other day to do some lobbying which won't help his election chances.

Downey, a likable and convivial Senator, never has bothered too much about his own California colleagues in the House of Representatives. Scarcely had two new Californians settled in their congressional offices, however, but they had calls from good old Sheridan about repealing the 160-acre limitation on water rights in central California.

Downey followed this up by taking the two new congressmen—Cecil White of Fresno and Clinton McKinnon of San Diego—out to lunch. He made no bones about arguing that they should vote to remove the 160-acre restriction, placed on reclamation projects to help the small farmers.

Congressman White happens to own 6,000 acres of California farmland. However, he told the Senator from his state that he was barking up the wrong tree. Congressman McKinnon feels likewise.

Sheridan is a persevering gentleman, however. Last year he published a mysterious and expensively bound book called "They Would Rule the Valley" and sent it out as lobbying literature. The book carried no identification as to its publisher or as to who paid for its publication. Downey, the author, is not wealthy, and could not well afford to finance a book with no sales value. But he never did explain who paid for this expensive piece of propaganda literature.

MERRY-GO-ROUND

It wasn't Truman's fault that the republicans weren't consulted re the appointment of Dean Acheson as Secretary of State. The White House tried to call Senator Vandenberg of Michigan but couldn't locate him. He was in New York at the bedside of his sick wife. Congressman Arthur Klein, New York Democrat, has drafted a resolution asking an investigation of reports that Robert Stripling, shrewd prober for the Un-American Activities Committee, removed confidential material from committee files to write his memoirs. Having plucked the Chambers films out of a pumpkin, Klein figures it would be just as easy for Stripling to pluck papers out of committee files.

ENCOURAGING THE DICTATORS

Latin-American diplomats are still talking about the way the Mayor of New Orleans, charming young De Lesseps Morrison, called at the White House several weeks ago and came out to inform the press that President Truman expressed a "very friendly attitude" toward President Peron of Argentina.

Sales Promotion of Waterless Cookware Success

A record-breaking sales promotion of Household Institute waterless aluminum cookware which has been in progress the past 27 weeks at the Plattsmouth Hinky-Dinky store will end Saturday (Jan. 8). It was announced today by Manager Richard W. Black.

J. M. Newman, president of the company which operates food stores in Nebraska and western Iowa, said in Omaha today that the promotion has been "One of the most successful campaigns ever conducted in the territory."

By actual count, 55,680 utensils or approximately 15 railroad carloads were purchased for the sale. There were 15 items in the line, and the two most popular pieces were the one and one-half and the three-quart sauce pans, which alone accounted for 27,016 of the sales. Although the promotion ends Saturday, arrangements will be made to obtain utensils for customers who want to finish out sets they have started.

The aluminumware has been offered on a card plan, which provided that for each \$5 spent in a Hinky-Dinky store a customer was entitled to buy a piece of cookware at a reduced price. The prices ranged from \$1.39 for a frying pan to \$8.95 for a four-quart pressure cooker.

It was the first time that heavy waterless aluminum cookware of this quality had ever been offered on a plan of this kind in the area, and Mr. Newman said his company is "Extremely gratified at the fine

response" on the part of consumers.

"In our consistent advertising of the line in The Plattsmouth Journal we said saving amounted to 40 per cent," Mr. Newman said. "But many of our customers told us we were conservative in our claim and that savings were easily 50 per cent or even more."

By the time the promotion ends Saturday, it is estimated that \$140,000 worth of utensils will have been distributed. Without the card plan, these utensils would have sold for at least \$196,000, so the savings to consumers have totaled a minimum of \$56,000, Mr. Newman pointed out.

He said the company plans to offer this same plan again about the middle of the year unless something unforeseen happens to make heavy aluminum cookware unavailable.



UN-AMERICAN

No one believes that Harry Truman is Joe Stalin's confidential agent in the U. S. A. because he talks about red herrings, nor does any one think Atty. Gen. Tom Clark is the Western secret police just because he hasn't sent Wm. J. Foster to jail yet. These busy men already have 25 hours work to do in every 24 and maybe they haven't given as much attention to the growing threat of Communism in this country as it deserves. It now seems probable however that public sentiment will compel them to give more of their already scarce time to what Americans are at last beginning to consider a very real danger, namely—Communist infiltration—on a huge scale—in our schools, and in our whole national fabric.

It is difficult for the ordinary citizen to comprehend why the President, and others in high office, are seemingly so opposed to the continuance of the House un-American activities committee. About the most outstanding reason thus far given the public is that members of this committee are "headline hunters."

This nation is facing the most sinister and the most treacherous enemy that even history has ever known. This enemy has already suborned, and made traitors of, many perfectly good American citizens. The U. A. C. has brought these facts to the public's notice, and has done much to awaken the people to the realization that there exists a cancerous growth which must be destroyed if we wish to preserve our present system.

The very fact that left wing groups all over the country are clamoring for the abolition of this committee; the very fact that Representative Emanuel Celler of New York is reportedly moving to blank out its "destructive tactics"—should be sufficient to arouse the suspicions of a dead man!

Already letters are reported to be pouring in to U. A. C. members, supporting their work. But if we are interested enough in our future to write, we had much better write our own representatives in Congress, and the President, and tell them what we want done. They are our arbiters while they are in office; and they alone can continue or discontinue the U. A. C.

The sand hills region in Nebraska is devoted chiefly to cat-raising.

Dale Carnegie

Author of "HOW TO WIN FRIENDS and INFLUENCE PEOPLE"

THE MUD OR THE STARS?

ONE day I dropped in at the University of Chicago and asked Chancellor Robert Maynard Hutchins how he kept from worrying. He replied, "I have always tried to follow a bit of advice given me by the late Julius Rosenwald, president of Sears, Roebuck and company: "When you have a lemon handed you, make a lemonade."



D. Carnegie

Here is the story of a woman who did just that. During the war Mrs. Thelma Thompson of New York City, was living in New Mexico in order to be near her husband who was stationed near the Mojave Desert. She hated, loathed the place; she had never been so miserable. Her husband was out on maneuvers in the desert and she was left all alone in a tiny shack. The heat—125 degrees—was unbearable. There was not a soul to talk to but Mexicans and Indians and they couldn't speak English. The wind blew incessantly and there was sand, sand everywhere, even in the food. She was so wretched that she wrote her parents she wanted to come home. She said she would rather be in jail than where she was.

Her father replied to her letter with just two lines:

"Two men looked out from prison bars, One saw the mud, the other saw stars."

Those two lines changed her entire life. She was ashamed of how sorry she had been for herself and she made up her mind that she would look for the stars. So she made friends of the natives and their reactions amazed her. She showed an interest in their pottery and weaving and they gave her wonderful pieces, favorite pieces that they refused to sell to tourists. She studied the fascinating flora around her, watched sunsets, hunted for seashells that had been left there millions of years before when the sands of the desert had been an ocean floor.

What changed all this for her? Well, the desert and her surroundings hadn't changed. But her attitude had, and her life had become filled with exciting adventure.

She was so excited that she wrote a book about it, called the "Bright Ramparts." She had looked out of her self-created Hades and found the stars.

One of the most remarkable things in this world is the power you have over your own mind!

SUN SETS CAR AFIRE

MINERAL WELLS, Tex. (AP)—Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Cochran were returning home from a trip when they smelled smoke. It was the carpet flooring in the back seat of their car, set afire by sun rays shining through a large water bottle on the floor.

RUN OVER TWICE

FORT WORTH, Tex. (AP)—First it was a car, then it was a truck that hit E. A. Swift, 67. The car knocked him into the path of the truck, which ran over his hands. He suffered only minor cuts on his hands and face.

CHICKENS GO FOR RIDE

FITCHBURG, Mass. (AP)—When Omer Brisson, Jr., of Leominster arrived here for a bowling match, he discovered two of his father's chickens perched on the rear of his automobile. The jounces along five miles of highway had failed to dislodge the birds from their perch.

PLENTY OF CHEESE

MT. ANGEL, Ore. (AP)—This town of less than 2,000 has more cheese per capita than any other in the nation, the chamber of commerce bragged. In the town's storage plant was 540,000 pounds of cheese, which is manufactured at the rate of 6,000 pounds a day in Mt. Angel.

NEBRASKA'S BIRTH RATE DROPPED

Nebraska's birth rate dropped from 15.872 during the first half of 1948 to 14.650 for the comparable period the year before.

NORTH CAROLINA IS SAID TO BE THE ONLY STATE WHICH IS TECHNICALLY OUT OF DEBT.

Successful Parenthood

BY MRS. CATHERINE CONRAD EDWARDS Associate Editor, Parents' Magazine

ONE thing that parents are apt to neglect in preparing their children for adult life is to make them understand that one's character continues to be molded long after one has reached maturity.

Yet, when many of us were children, we were distinctly given the notion that character was a substance grafted upon yourself by not asking for a second piece of pie (this was before the young had carrots and spinach to reckon with, so that virtues in eating were usually negative ones); by never telling a lie, no matter how much you might want to get out of something you had done, and by giving cast-off playthings to the hired man's family, resisting the impulse to demand them back again when these children, more mothered by necessity than yourself, would succeed in making some ingenious contraption out of the parts of broken toys.

Then when you reached the magnificent age of 18, you believed that this garment of character would be completed and, clad in it, you would become a grownup and sit back and live comfortably on the moral profits of this carefully, though often resentfully, hoarded attribute.

And no one of the unprepared-for realities of living provided more disappointments to many of us than the discovery that this business of character building is a life-long task, from which there isn't a single vacation, not even one free week-end!

It seems to me (and for once we are hazarding a purely personal conjecture) that if children and young people knew from the beginning that you can't complete a human mind or character in the same number of years it takes to finish one's formal education, or grow to manhood or womanhood, they would be more willing to accept the limitations of those years of spade work, otherwise known as experience of living.

Of course we aren't talking about self-confident youth. Since young persons of that type aren't afraid of tackling any problem they don't need the reassuring knowledge that plenty of outstanding men and women feel young and insecure and lacking in balance until long past thirty. But serious-minded, over-conscientious youngsters could certainly use this reassurance to good advantage. So begin early to present character growth to them, not as an awesome entity they must achieve early or never, but as a gentle, daily dividend, you might call it, from the fount of universal knowledge.

You gain it by doing your best, no matter how unspectacular that best may be. And the surest way to achieve a rich character, which will not deteriorate into querulous or unlovely old age, is to be willing to work at it all the days of your life.