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A THOUGHT FOR TODAY

EDITORIALS

WHAT LIFE HOLDS AT FIFTY

Every now and then, we run across information that we think might be interesting and pass it on to our readers. Here's an item that should be of particular interest to our male readers.

Fifty is the dangerous age for men, says an eminent British Psychologist, who points out that some time between 45 and 50, a man realizes that what he is, he is, and there is no turning back.

All of his life, says the doctor, the man may have been dissatisfied with his job and his status in the world, looking upon both as temporary conditions to be altered when his "dreams" come true. Around fifty, however, the hoped-for "lucky break" becomes an uncertainty and the individual must give up the relief that he has found in his "dreams."

There are only two ways out of the difficulty for men at this age, according to the doctor. One is the way of regression, to close one's eyes to the facts of life and go back to an earlier and probably lower level. Changing occupations and swapping wives, in the belief that success in a big way is just ahead, is one expression of this way. Another is to live through one's children, identifying the youngsters with himself and attempting to direct their lives along the line that the father would have liked to have led himself.

The only sensible way out, says the doctor, however, is to frankly recognize one's age and recognize that, so far as the man himself is concerned, much personal advancement is through. Then, forgetting himself, to live for his children, or others, as they are, rather than as he would like them to be, and thus take up some worthy cause in the world.

There is sense in the observations of the British doctor but, just the same, there is a chance that he has not stated the entire possibilities that exist for a man at this dangerous age. Admitting that a man may labor willingly for years, under the impression that his work and his status are temporary and that between 45 and 50, he comes to the conclusion that his "dream" is fading, there is yet a chance for a man to pull himself together and go ahead.

The temperament that allows a man to drift with events and affairs so long as he expects a "break," will often change with the realization that harder work and more intensive application can alone produce results. Consequently, when a man comes to this understanding of himself, he is apt to re-check his course, halt his drifting and steer more directly for the goal he has had in mind.

Anyway, whether 45 or 50, or 60, life holds much for every man. No one can calculate what can be accomplished in a few years and the records of the past contain many examples of men and women who have made "much personal advancement" after passing the age limit set by the eminent psychologist.

For these reasons, our advice to men of the ages mentioned is to hold up their heads, strike straight and hard and move ahead. They'll get somewhere if their principles are correct.

"LET'S REDUCE TAXES"

There is always a campaign for the reduction of taxes. Everybody wants the "government" to spend money on favored propositions and, at the same time, reduce taxes.

The way to reduce taxes is simple if that is what people want. Let government eliminate all activities that are not essential to the functions of government. This will cost a great many people their jobs, but it will cut the cost of government and, thereby, reduce taxes.

COMMUNISTS EASY PROMISERS

The Communists in China have promised Tibet regional autonomy in return for allegiance peacefully given to Peiping and suggest that this step is necessary if the Tibetan people wish to avoid "unnecessary losses."

There is nothing to indicate that the

Furse's Fresh Flashes

In this day and age you can't judge a woman by her clothes. There's insufficient evidence.

Was reading an interesting story about the Iowa girl who had been in a train wreck, two automobile accidents and an airplane crash and was still fit and under forty. It will probably be just her luck now to get a run in her hose.

Daylight saving time is more than likely founded on the old Indian idea of cutting off one end of a blanket and sewing it on the other to make it longer.

Miss Emily Post now tells us that potato chips may be eaten with the fingers. Miss Emily has probably been trying to spear one with a fork.

Might we suggest the agriculture department get rid of those surplus potatoes by dehydrating them and giving the water to New York City.

We can't answer all the problems that beset farmers but we do know that those who raise their own foodstuffs will never go hungry.

The child who attempts to reform father and mother ought to be placed between the shafts carrying the family load.

When Flipper Fanny, our dainty little contour twister, tried on her new bathing suit her mother stated that no one would catch her traipsing up a bathing beach in an outfit like that. Fanny says she doubts if anyone would try.

Tibetan forces will be able to prevent Communist penetration but, certainly, if they are sensible, they do not put much confidence in the offer of autonomy. The Communists promise anything to get into a country but, once in, they move toward domination.

DOWN MEMORY LANE

TEN YEARS AGO

Sheriff and deputy seized "Races" machine containing \$51.45 in nickels at South Bend lake park. . . Mildred Louise Rhoden and Carl Senf were married at the First Christian church June 16th; Rev. J. W. Taenzler performed the rites. . . Thornton Baker of the Plattsmouth State Bank staff visited at Shenandoah, Iowa. . . Dr. John E. Gilmore, son of Dr. and Mrs. G. H. Gilmore of Murray, was called to duties as surgeon with the U. S. army stationed at March Field, near Los Angeles. . . Mrs. J. Howard Davis entertained for Mrs. Robert Lee Hartford of Sweetwater, Texas, formerly Helen Schulz of this city. . . Mr. and Mrs. Jess F. Warga celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary June 15th with a family dinner served in their outdoor living room.

20 YEARS AGO

Dr. R. P. Westover was named representative of the grand commandery Knights Templar of the state of Michigan near the grand commandery of Nebraska. . . Large delegation of local business men viewed work of railway shops as guests of "Traffic Tips" club. . . Plane piloted by Mrs. Angela L. Joseph of Denver, en route to Madison, Wisconsin, was forced to land in a field on the C. L. Jean farm. Mrs. Joseph hoped to gain the distinction of being the first woman to fly over Pike's Peak. . . Officers training camp opened at Fort Crook with five mid-west states' college students as members. . . Black and White grocery and market announced formal opening of new meat department.

The WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

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DREW PEARSON SAYS:

BIG BUSINESS CONTINUES TO GET JUICY PLUMS FROM ARMY-NAVY; LARGER COMPANIES SPEND MILLIONS ENTERTAINING OFFICERS IN WASHINGTON; CHING'S WIFE COMPARES HIM TO BASS FIDDLE.

WASHINGTON—It looks as if small business was getting the same old run-around from the army-navy, and that big business was getting the juicy plums, some of them illegally.

During the war, the brass hats contended that the urgency of placing orders forced them to concentrate on big companies. Result was that six corporations handled 60 per cent of all war contracts.

Now, however, with plenty of time and no excuse for favoritism, the army has recently shown completely unwarranted favoritism toward Westinghouse Electric Company in the buying of water coolers.

Though Secretary Johnson made some high-sounding speeches when he took office, announcing that he would give a "break" to small business, his office did just the opposite in the water-cooler deal. Here are the unfortunate facts in the case:

When the Chicago army quartermaster's office requested bids on \$100,000 worth of water coolers, it received sixteen.

A FISHING WE WILL GO!



One Westinghouse bid did not come up to specifications, which under procurement regulations should have barred Westinghouse from that part of the contract.

This was protested by the Sunroc Refrigeration Company of Glen Riddle, Pa. However, when Sunroc protested, the army brazenly turned round and permitted Westinghouse to change its specifications. This change was made even though the bids already were closed.

Orville Morrison, president of Sunroc, took his case up to the office of Secretary Johnson, but got nowhere. Secretary Johnson's speeches about a fair deal to small business apparently meant nothing.

Finally, however, congressman Manny Celler of New York, in charge of the house monopoly inquiry, got busy, placed the matter before the general accounting office. There, forthright Lindsay Warren, watchdog of the treasury, promptly declared the army's acceptance of the Westinghouse bid illegal.

It took great patience and a lot of work to unravel all this red tape, however, which is one reason Congressman Buchanan of Pennsylvania, chairman of the house lobbying committee, has sent a questionnaire to big corporations asking the cost of their offices in Washington.

What Buchanan has in mind is that big companies spend millions maintaining not only Washington offices, but hotel apartments where they entertain army officers with a view to getting contracts. Small companies such as Sunroc can't afford this "entertainment" expense.

Yet when Congressman Buchanan, Democrat, sent out his questionnaire it brought immediate protests from Congressman Brown of Ohio, O'Hara of Minnesota, and Halleck of Indiana—the Republicans on his committee.

BASE-FIDDLE CHING
Cy Ching, who, at six feet four inches, towers above most of his fellow men and has hands like hams, has the thankless job of strikes.

At the age of 72 he left the U. S. Rubber Company to try to help his government with its

labor relations and though he gets kicked around by both sides, has done an amazingly good job. If Ching wanted to, he could write a fascinating book about stroking John L. Lewis's mane, coaxing U. S. Steel, and trying to get milk for Washington babies. But probably he will never write the book.

The other day, however, he was telling a close circle of friends about trying to settle the coal strike, and of going up the back stairs of New York hotels trying to avoid newsmen during his talks with John L. Lewis.

"Imagine," said Mrs. Ching, as she looked up at her 250-pound husband, "trying to hide a bass fiddle!"

BACKSTAGE APOLOGY

Real facts seldom catch up with the headlines, especially when so much is done behind closed doors. However, a former OSS agent, Archibald Van Beuren of New York, contritely apologized to the senate committee investigating the McCarthy charges last week.

This fact was little known. Much better known were the earlier headlines, spread by Senator McCarthy when he read a sensational telegram from Van Beuren on the senate floor.

In the telegram Van Beuren charged that senate investigators probing Amerasia were not interested in getting the true facts, and that when they met with him, they chiefly tried to discredit McCarthy witnesses.

Later, however, the author of this telegram came to Washington, appeared before the committee and completely revamped his story. He admitted that the telegram had been cooked up by McCarthy himself, along with Scripps-Howard Newspaper Reporter Frederick Woltman who is chiefly behind the Amerasia probe, and by Robert Morris, bitterly partisan Republican counsel for the senate committee.

Van Beuren testified that Morris and Woltman first proposed that he send McCarthy the telegram accusing senate investigators of whitewash. Then McCarthy himself sent a telegram suggesting certain ideas, which Van Beuren then sent back as his own. Later McCarthy read to the senate the telegram which he himself had in-

CAPITOL NEWS

(Compiled by Nebraska Press Association)

LINCOLN—Politics grabbed the Page One play of statehouse news this week.

Republicans and Democrats made their biennial trek to Omaha for their pre-primary conventions, and as the week ended before the conclaves, there was a flurry of filing for major state offices.

Two Nebraska congressmen asked their district to send them back to Washington for another two years. Karl Stefan, of Norfolk, is seeking his ninth term as Third district representative, while Dr. A. L. Miller, of Kimball, is a candidate for the post he has held since 1943. Both are Republicans.

Two Democrats filed for Governor on succeeding days. Harry R. Swanson, of Omaha, who was the last Democratic secretary of state, made his first try at a political comeback. Frank Morrison of McCook, who was his party's First district congressional nominee in 1948, also filed for governor. First to file for the Demo's top spot on the state ticket was Walter Raecke of Central City, onetime speaker of the legislature.

A SQUABBLE of long standing between the University of Nebraska and State Tax Commissioner Phillip K. Johnson, broke out in the open again last week.

Chancellor R. G. Gustavson, of the university started things off with an attack on Johnson during a speech. The chancellor criticized Johnson's selection of the university's estimate of its income from student fees, and substitution of his own estimate, which the last legislature accepted.

Johnson replied by saying that Dr. Gustavson was attaching too much importance to the matter. Johnson reminded that the university had held the 1947 legislature it would get a little more than three million dollars in student fees, then actually collected about six and a half million.

That made the university hopping mad. A spokesman said the whole thing had been thrashed out with Johnson 10 times, but he remained unconvinced. The university says the \$6½ million figure is unfair because while it is reasonable to the minimum Johnson claims, it represents payment from the VA for a much longer period.

To present its side, the university plans to publish soon a complete financial statement. It will show, however, the institution claims, that the estimate given the 1949 legislature was "right on the button."

A BUILDING PROGRAM for Nebraska national guard and reserve units appears likely if legislation now before congress passes. Brig. Gen. Guy N. Henninger, Nebraska adjutant general said the federal government would put up \$3 for every dollar of state money. Nebraska has about \$500,000 on hand now, but the appropriation wouldn't be adequate to completely cover a \$2,400,000 program.

The state fund was built up under the 1.1 mill building levy passed in 1947.

SOME TIME AGO, Charles Marshall, secretary of the Nebraska Farm Council, asked the state highway department for a complete report on its construction plans. Last week, State Engineer Fred Klitsch made delivery, a three-page letter and five documents, totaling 30 pages. A map and charts rounded out the package.

Klitsch reported the value of uncompleted projects as of Jan. 1, 1950 as \$3,723,981. Work on

spired accusing the senate committee of prejudice and whitewashing.

It was for his part in this plot to mislead the public that Van Beuren apologized.

IGNORING SENATE SUBPOENAS
A somewhat similar attempt to mislead the public was made when McCarthy brought a former FBI man, John Huber, to Washington with the promise that he would give sensational evidence against Owen Lattimore. Then the FBI agent suddenly blurted out, disappeared, and hasn't shown up since. The whole thing fizzled.

Real fact is that Huber had no real evidence. He knew this and presumably McCarthy knew it. Undoubtedly that was why McCarthy flew to Washington on the same plane with him, virtually held his hand to make sure he would testify. However, after McCarthy deposed Huber at the Carlton hotel and went back to his office, the unwilling witness ducked.

Some newspapers played up the story as if mysterious forces surrounding Lattimore had spirited Huber out of town, which was not true. Actually he was and still is in contempt of the senate for ignoring a subpoena. Put for some strange reason the senate committee continues to let its authority be flouted.

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Don't Criticize; Show Appreciation

MOSTLY in dealing with the subject of handling people, this column relates how achievement was accomplished from using the proper technique. But today Robert Anderson, New York City, wants to tell you how he failed because he did not use the right technique.

Robert was in India where they were training Chinese troops for war service. Among other things, they inspected the rifles of the Chinese soldiers and made necessary repairs. Since all the weapons had serial numbers, it was Robert's job to record these numbers and make notations.

He got fed up with all this paper work; was much more interested in working on the guns themselves. There were others who preferred the paper work. How silly not to give a man the work he liked, and in which, naturally, he would be more efficient. So he criticized, condemned, complained. He condemned his lieutenant who was so short-sighted, and he did it in person. But the army was a busy place; shortcomings of the men often had of necessity to be overlooked. So things went on as they were.

One morning, a company formation was called. The captain, a good sort of guy, stood out in front with the first sergeant who read off a few new company orders, then proceeded to call forth several enlisted men. That commanding officer really enjoyed handing out promotions and the men felt good all over as they heard their own or their comrades' names called for promotion.

Then suddenly: "T/5 Robert J. Anderson." Robert stepped forward; that T/5 was now going to be written T/4. He marched forward, gave the captain a snappy and respectful salute, and was given "at ease." The sergeant went on: "T/5 Robert J. Anderson is reduced to the grade of private—reason, inefficiency."

Well, maybe that wasn't hard to take. He knew his work; he wasn't inefficient in performing it. But he had proved himself to be "inefficient" in the matter of discipline. And he knows now that he would have been given another stripe instead of having what he had taken from him, if he had only observed a rule which reads "Don't criticize, condemn, complain; instead, show appreciation."

And this rule is easily followed, if it is preceded by understanding.

the jobs is now underway, he said.

Klitsch said estimated funds involved on the primary, secondary and urban federal aid systems totaled \$60,550,400, of which \$14,028,600 is state money.

Klitsch wrote Marshall: "Because of the tremendous effect of changing conditions in the amount and kind of traffic using our highways, unpredictable weather conditions, the fact that appropriations might be changed greatly every two years by the legislature, and at the moment, the uncertainty of our financial condition created by the referendum vote to be taken next November on revenue measures, it would be impractical, misleading and highly unethical for any state highway official to make definite commitments very far ahead. Therefore, we do not indulge in that form of speculation."

BRIEFS

The state highway department's design division went on a 53-hour week to expedite projects resulting from the May 8 floods.

Nebraska's total of cash and bonds on May 31 stood at the record high of \$46,557,834, according to State Treasurer Edward Gillette.

Gov. Val Peterson took his favorite potato salad recipe with him to Nebraska City when he addressed the Rotary Club there. He gave it to J. Hyde

Sweet, Nebr. City editor and publisher who has claimed that potato salad is unfit for human consumption.

Rose Bush Gets Gay
MEMPHIS, Tenn. (U.P.)—A rose bush on the Stephen R. Phelan estate produced pink and red roses for 45 years. This spring it had five different types of roses—red, white, lavender blue, half-red with sky-blue edging and half-white ones.

Honeymoon Cut Short
CHICAGO (U.P.)—Desertion followed the ring in short order in the marriage of Mrs. Annabelle Clarke, 19. Mrs. Clarke charged in an annulment suit, that her husband, John, didn't even wait to sign the register in their honeymoon hotel. He left her in the lobby.

The federal-state crop reporting service estimates that the gross income from meat animals in Tennessee reached an all-time high of \$165,259,000 in 1948.

A classified Ad in the Journal costs as little as 35c.

FOR Dependable Insurance Income Tax Service SEE J. Howard Davis Phone 264 Soennichsen Bldg.

SUCCESSFUL PARENTHOOD Mrs. CATHERINE CONRAD EDWARDS Associate Editor, Parents Magazine

EAGER TO SET a good example, parents sometimes forget that to a three, six or nine-year-old, Mother and Dad may seem overwhelmingly powerful just because they are grown up.

If father and his friends turned the street signs the wrong way in their early days, it will not necessarily be giving Sonny undesirable notions if such a tale slips into a dinner table conversation. As a matter of fact, Sonny may gain self-confidence and self-respect from knowing that in spite of one's shortcomings one can grow up into a responsible and remarkable person as Dad.

Sometimes the relief that comes from hearing that Mother or Father suffered from the same kind of "badness" is startlingly dramatic. Ellen, for example, was as boisterous and bossy as the day was long. Her younger sister was quiet and retiring, but quite dependent on Ellen to look out for her interests in neighborhood affairs, and she was often the victim of the older child's bossiness. When she was about nine, Ellen began to be afraid to go up to bed alone. She often cried out in her sleep, something about "wanting to be good" or "not wanting to push."

The waking Ellen was so different from the dreaming Ellen, that her parents decided to talk the matter over with the adjustment teacher at school. After discussing the family situation, it was agreed that Ellen might be somewhat resentful of her

rather goody-goody sister and feel a bit guilty over this resentment. So it might be wise to arrange to give Ellen more opportunity to play without having little sister tag along.

The adjustment teacher also suggested that Mother and Father very casually talk about some of their own feelings toward brothers and sisters when they were young. The next evening Mother remarked that she had had a letter from her sister. "It's certainly fun to hear from her these days, but when I remember how we squabbled when we were little! Why, one day I threw a shovel at her, and I was scared when it nearly hit her."

Mother never finished the sentence, for Ellen threw her arms around her mother. "Did you really throw things at Aunt Irma? How funny! Well, I think I'll go upstairs now." Ellen did not realize why she was able to go upstairs alone, but her parents saw that her guilty conscience had been relieved sufficiently, so that her fears, and eventually her nightmares, disappeared.

Of course, hearing about a parent's shortcomings does not always work such magic, but it does help. Also, you can overdo your confessions. If perchance, your youthful indiscretions include things you should be ashamed of such as cheating at exams—keep them to yourself. After all, children need an example of honor from their parents. What we have been referring to are merely admissions that parents are human.

Maim Street by Ralph Stein

