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THOUGHT FOR TODAY

No form of danger shakes his dauntless breast; In loneliness sublime; He dares confront the time; And speaks the truth, and gives the world no rest.

EDITORIALS

IS PRESS FREEDOM ABUSED?

THERE is a lot of bunk peddled around the country about the freedom of the press and behind the slogan, certain newspaper men practice all kinds of reprehensible writing.

Is freedom of the press a license for a reporter, for example, to write up public officials, insinuating graft and corruption and then, when called upon to substantiate the charges, fall back on the excuse that the sources of his information are confidential?

Does the freedom of the press permit a columnist to peddle all types of rumors, regardless of their origin, and then, when called to account, say his information was based upon a confidential talk with an official?

Responsible newspapers understand that behind such a screen, a clever writer can make almost any charge without ever being called upon to account for his allegations.

There is some sentiment, even among writers themselves, for a plan to eliminate irresponsible journalists whose only excuse for writing is that they are willing to say anything, upon any and no authority, because they can fall back upon a "persecution" complaint if they are called to book.

The old man who walked five or six miles to school, many years ago, has grandchildren who need an automobile to travel a few blocks.

SILLY TALK ABOUT BEER

REPRESENTATIVE John Dingell, of Michigan, wants a daily beer ration for every fighting man at the taxpayers' expense.

Mr. Dingell declares that "water in Korea is deadlier than bullets" and warns that "to force our American troops to drink dangerously polluted water is an equivalent of attack from the rear by infiltration."

We hardly think that the Michigan congressman made these remarks seriously. Regardless of the condition of water in Korea, the army is supposed to be well equipped to provide its fighting men with uncontaminated water and there is no reason for fighting men, except in unusual circumstances, to drink "dangerously polluted water."

When this occurs, the circumstances are such that it would not be possible for the military to supply the men with Mr. Dingell's beer ration.

If conditions on the highways get much worse, it might be a good idea to put trucks on high wheels and let automobiles pass under them.

FLYING THE WOUNDED HOME

THE army reports that the men wounded in Korea, who are being returned to this country for hospitalization, "are coming back in better shape than in World War II."

The air force reports that in August 1,378 patients were flown from Japan and Korea to this country. These included battle casualties as well as other injured and ill persons. C-97's that are being used for transport carry fifty patients and attendant nurses and, because of greater flying range, take a shorter route across the Pacific. On the average, the big planes take 37 hours to reach the west coast.

The airplane has become a mighty weapon of warfare but in this instance, at least, it serves the cause of humanity. It would be impossible to imagine the reaction of soldiers a generation ago to the suggestion that, in the future, men wounded in battle would be carried through the air for thousands of miles for hospitalization.

Furse's Fresh Flashes

If these cows ever find out what humans are charging for beef and milk you'll never get them to live in a barn again.

We must be reaching that period called "middle age." It takes us only half as long to get tired and twice as long to rest up.

A friend of ours up the street told us that if this country got mixed up in "World War III" it would be a heap big scrap. To which we might add that if it does this country would end up being one big scrap heap.

A woman considers herself to be of marriageable age from the time she reaches 16 until she dies.

A wise monkey is a monkey who doesn't monkey with another monkey's monkey.

Maybe when the Democrats and Republicans begin their campaign oratory the Russians will be convinced the country is divided after all.

Flipper Fanny, our dainty little contour twister, says she's the gal who put the "it" in fit.

Who remembers the age when it was a matter of speculation whether women really had legs?

Nothing increases the admiration of children for their parents like a large estate for division among the heirs.

It may sound foolish but we rise to suggest that a nation which spends \$30 billion dollars on plans for warfare can afford to spend large sums on plans for human living.

DOWN MEMORY LANE

10 YEARS AGO . . .

A group of P. H. S. students formed a nine piece orchestra composed of Edwin Hiber, Donald Martin, Sanford Short, trumpets; Dick Livingston, Bill Robertson, saxophones; Ruth Westover, pianist; Jerry White, trombone; Theodore Smalley, guitar, and Cary Marshall, drums. . . Mr. and Mrs. Fred Worth departed for Binghamton, N. Y., where they planned to make their home. Mr. Worth was operator at the Cass theatre. . . Miss Darlene Hennings succeeded Mrs. Harley Minnear as stenographer for the Thomas Walling Co., and Miss Gloria Johnson succeeded Miss Hennings in the office of A. L. Tidd. . . Cass Sylvester, Alex and Bob Rhoden returned from a trip to South Dakota where they purchased several head of horses for the Messrs. Rhoden.

20 YEARS AGO . . .

Capt. Floyd C. Harding was located at San Juan, Porto Rico, and assigned to the 65th infantry. Mrs. Harding was the former Edith Dovey of this city. . . Rev. C. O. Troy of Potter was named to fill pulpit at First Methodist church here, succeeding Rev. Harold E. Sortor, who went to Potter, Nebr. . . Mrs. B. C. Cohn of this city accompanied her brother-in-law, H. G. Cohn to Omaha by plane to greet the French flyers, Coste and Bellonte, arriving at the Omaha airport. Mr. H. G. Cohn had been here conducting air excursions for the local residents.

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DREW PEARSON SAYS: KOREAN MATA HARI LIVED WITH AMERICAN COLONEL; KOREAN WOMAN EXECUTED FOR GIVING MILITARY SECRETS TO COMMUNISTS; HER COMMUNIST HUSBAND ESCAPED IN AMERICAN ARMY JEEP.

WASHINGTON—There has been a lot of congressional debate as to who was to blame for our being caught napping in Korea. But no congressman has touched upon the most amazing story of Korean espionage—the manner in which a Korean Mata Hari lived with an American army colonel and gave the Communists intimate details on American army strength.

The lady in question, now executed as a spy, was Kim Soo Im, a vivacious, American-educated Korean girl who was married to one of Korea's top Communists, Lee Kang Kook.

At the same time she was married to Lee she was the mistress of a top American colonel, John E. Baird, who as provost marshal, was in charge of keeping law and order among American troops in Korea. He was also top adviser to the new Korean army.

Colonel Baird occupied one of the most elegant houses in Seoul, and for a time Madame Kim lived with him. According to the Korean press, she even bore him a child.

It was well known to Koreans that Kim Soo Im was intimate with the colonel. They were seen together publicly. And it was

LAFF OF THE WEEK



"Hairbrushes?"

also known by many Koreans that she was married to one of the top Communists, Lee Kang Kook, who had been hiding from the military government and for whom the authorities had thrown out a dragnet.

However, because of American prestige, Koreans did nothing about the situation. After all, Americans were Korea's benefactors, the trainers of Korean troops, in effect the rulers of the country. Colonel Baird himself was senior adviser to the Korean army. So it was embarrassing to make any protest.

COUNTERESPIONAGE?

When the above facts, plus a great many others, were disclosed officially at the time of Kim Soo Im's trial, Colonel Baird gave the official explanation that he was using the lady as his interpreter and to get information from her.

If so, he was not very successful. For subsequent developments have shown that the Communists knew all about our military operations, while we knew little about them. Furthermore, when Kim Soo Im was tried, last May, the Koreans amassed such overwhelming evidence against her that she confessed all. Colonel Baird, who had been in intimate day-to-day contact with her, was made to look extremely foolish for not having known the same facts.

It was even reported that Madame Kim had hidden her Communist husband in the home of the American army colonel for a few days when she searched for him was getting hot. The colonel's house was big one, so this was not difficult to do without Baird's knowing it. For more than a year, Lee Kang Kook managed to foil the South Korean police and American military. Eventually, he escaped into North Korea in an American army jeep by courtesy of Colonel Baird's mistress.

COMMUNIST HUSBAND ESCAPES

Colonel Baird had given his lady love a new Chrysler. However, she did not use this car to take her husband across the 38th parallel. Instead, she finagled a jeep from the army motor pool and had it driven by a trusted Communist driver, Choi Yong Tai.

Lee was disguised as a doctor, and Kim went along to tell the border guards that her mother was desperately ill in North Korea and the doctor was on his way to see her. Thus the No. 2 Communist of Korea escaped — thanks to the U. S. army.

On one occasion, when Kim wanted to get an army jeep for a trip up near the 38th parallel, Harry Frelinghuysen, son of the GOP ex-senator from New Jersey, then an army lieutenant, refused. However, he was overruled by a colonel. Madame Kim got the jeep.

OTHER MATA HARIS? . . .

The case of Kim Soo Im and Colonel Baird probably could have taken place in various parts of the world—especially in Japan and Germany, where American troops are stationed far from home and families. And what the army is worried about right now is that other Communist spies might be planted on American officers.

Colonel Baird, 60 years old, born in Ireland, was a policeman in Rhode Island and a reserve officer when he joined the army as a major in 1941. He was stationed in Korea for four years, three of them as provost marshal, one of them as "senior adviser" to the Korean national police.

Kim Soo Im, orphaned at an early age, was raised by an American missionary family and educated in an American school. She spoke English perfectly, acquired the vivaciousness of an American girl.

When American troops entered Korea she served as hostess at the Banta Hotel in Seoul, which was General Hodges' headquarters. This was the U. S. army's nerve center and it gave her access to all sorts of gossip and tidbits which she re-

CAPITOL NEWS

LINCOLN—No body seems to have asked the kids what they thought about it, but four state agencies pulled their forces last week to get 20 youngsters living on the Kearney air base into classrooms several days after the opening school bell.

The trouble started when the Kearney public schools denied the children admission unless tuition was not paid in advance. The airport is not taxed for school purposes.

This week, the kids were in school at the Kearney State College training school. The solution is only temporary and will not exceed 30 days. During the interim, State Superintendent of Public Instruction Otto G. Ruff is continuing to tug at the problem.

In addition to the board of the state normal board acted on Gov. Val Peterson's plea to accept the children at the college. Herbert L. Cushing, president of Kearney, said no tuition would be charged for 30 days.

In addition to the board's office, the normal board and the state education department, the justice department got into the act when Peterson ordered Assistant Attorney General William Gleason to Kearney to investigate the legal aspects of the tangle.

Governor Peterson, meanwhile, asked the civil aeronautics administration why it couldn't allow income from the air b/e to be allocated for tuition.

He didn't like the reply, which said tuition is "not regarded as a proper item of expense in the operation of the Kearney airport." The Kansas City office of the CAA also said "the entire net revenue now being derived from the airport is required for maintenance and operation of the airport."

The governor saw red. He blasted back a reply denouncing "such bureaucratic ineptitude" and suggested an investigation. Peterson said "I am reliably informed that the airport manager is paid \$12,000 a year plus housing" and a part-time lawyer is paid \$10,000 a year. "These salaries are out of line with Nebraska practices," the governor said.

"The attitude taken in your telegram denying children the education to which they are entitled while paying such outrageous salaries is scandalous," Peterson wired the CAA.

At Kearney it was reported the salaries of Airport Manager Phil Campbell and Attorney John Jensen had been reduced to \$9,000 and \$7,500, respectively. Also on the school front, the Big Three of Nebraska education have endorsed a \$12 million state-aid-to-education plan. The figure is a third of the cost of the total state education program.

The groups—The State School Board Association, the Nebraska State Education Association and the Parent-Teachers Association—met here and agreed that \$4 million should be used to equalize school district costs.

Archer Burnham, executive secretary of the N. S. E. A., said, "There are some schools that have 100 times as much wealth per child as others."

Present three organizations will present their program to the 1951 legislature. Veterinarians in Nebraska this week were pooch-pooing the fears expressed by Rep. Karl Stefan of a sabotage plot to kill off the nation's hog population through biological warfare. The Norfolk congressman told a delegation of farmers who said they were losing between 30 and 50 percent of their hogs after vaccination for cholera, that he would seek an FBI investigation.

Even before the farmers called on Stefan, the situation had been at least partially explained. The Lincoln Journal's Farm Editor Stanley A. Matzke in his monthly farm tabloid appearing a week earlier, printed an interview with Dr. J. E. Peterman, veterinarian in charge of the Lincoln office of the federal bureau of animal husbandry.

Peterman told Matzke that an unknown form of virus had appeared in some virus agencies against which the usual dosage of serum was ineffective. Peterman said that research had shown boosting the dosage 50 percent had prevented losses.

Dr. E. P. Anderson, state veterinarian, prescribed the same treatment. Dr. B. T. Simms, Washington chief of the BAI, said, "This agency has found no evidence to support fears of biological warfare" in hog serum.

Lancaster county farmer said simply, "Hogwash."

Short Shorts in the week's statehouse news: The legislative council will hold a meeting open to the public.

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DALE CARNEGIE

AUTHOR OF "HOW TO STOP WORRYING AND START LIVING"

Trust the Mercy of the Court

LEO J. SQUILLANTE, Mount Vernon, N. Y., says that he has learned if you are facing a fight, or even a dilemma, you will come out better nine times out of 10 if you throw yourself on the mercy of the other fellow than of if you attempt to fight him. He illustrates it with the following story:



Carnegie

One cold night in December he was caught in a sleet storm about 20 miles from his home, when his car broke down on the highway. To make matters worse, his wife and their little 15-month-old son were with him. Finally he abandoned the car and got home.

In a few days he was served with a summons to appear in night court to explain why he had left his car on the highway over night.

When he arrived in the courtroom, there were only three people, the judge, the state trooper and himself. It was the procedure in that court for the judge to leave the courtroom while the defendant told his story to the arresting officer.

He started on the story, noting the cold, apparently immoveable expression on the officer's face. However, as he said he knew he was guilty so he couldn't plead any other way, that officer relaxed a little. When the judge re-entered, the officer proceeded to appoint himself as Mr. Squillante's attorney. He told the judge the story far more sympathetically and effectively than Mr. Squillante could have done.

The judge asked, "What is your plea?" "Guilty," came the reply. "No, don't do that," said the judge. "Do you know what Nolo Contendere means?" "Does it mean, 'I don't wish to fight?'" "That's right," said the judge. "In other words, you place yourself at the mercy of the court." "I plead Nolo Contendere."

"Case dismissed," said the judge, who was human and understanding, as are many officers when the case warrants it, but tough if an offender seems to have no respect for the law.

lic November 15-17 to decide what action to take on reports by its various committees.

The state highway department is asking the federal government to designate the remaining four miles of highway 29 south of Kimball as federal-aid secondary road, making it eligible for U. S. aid.

The state treasury balance at the end of August totaled \$47,552,584. State Treasurer Edward Gillette said the balance is "holding up well."

Walter R. Raacke, democratic candidate for governor, named Robert E. Moodle of West Point, a former state bar association president, as his campaign manager.

SILAGE QUESTIONS

LINCOLN—Here are some more answers to questions being asked by Nebraska farmers regarding the making of silage. One question has to do with the number of tons of silage or sorghum which can be cut in an hour with a single-row cutter and with a two-row field cutter.

Agricultural engineers at the University of Nebraska say the amount cut, of course, will depend upon the equipment and crew available to do the job.

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SUCCESSFUL PARENTHOOD Mrs. CATHERINE CONRAD EDWARDS Associate Editor Parents Magazine

I ONCE HEARD a psychologist say that the best gift parents could give a child was the ability to take himself for granted. That is, to have a true sense of personal worth without a sense of superiority about it. Perhaps this is what Jesus meant when He said: "Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth." Certainly we know that He did not mean cringing humbleness by the word "meek," but rather a calm acceptance of oneself as worth the gifts of life.

Why then do not all human beings gain this happy state? One reason is that it takes so many years to learn from experience what really constitutes a sense of personal worth. We begin by over-rating achievement as a means to securing it, only to discover that one can have success and acclaim and still lack an inner sense of being worthwhile as a human being. Nor is it dependent on good works (though the gift of taking oneself for granted is usually accompanied by a generous spirit), for some cover up their very sense of inadequacy by counting their meritorious deeds.

Instead, personal worth is compounded of all the things you can count on yourself for. A few children seem to be born with a natural goodness which gives them this sense from birth. But most children find it hard to live up to what is expected of them, and later even harder to live up to what they expect of themselves. Thus they need constant help in experiencing small daily victories over the temptation

to shirk, to grab, to blame others for their failures, and a thousand and one other human weaknesses. These daily victories are forgotten but little by little they add up to the conquest of an undesirable trait. Then some fine day it suddenly pops into your head you no longer need be afraid that you'll ever cheat or take pleasure in hurting someone's feelings, or whatever the fault was that you've been battling with.

I was reminded of this need for constant parental guidance in forming a child's standards of conduct by a conversation on a recent train trip with a girl who was bitterly disappointed because her vacation in New York had suddenly been cut short. She had taken the next train home and remarked that she hadn't even cancelled an appointment to have her hair done. "Oh, well," she said, "that won't matter. I'll never see that girl again." It wasn't so much this particular discourtesy which made me feel sorry for her, but the excuse she gave herself. For it showed she hadn't been taught that the omissions or misdeeds you aren't apt to be caught at are the very ones about which you must be the most strict with yourself if you are ever to merit your own self-esteem.

All this, of course, is part of character education. But what we are specifically trying to point out is that it isn't what the world thinks about your child but what he comes to think about himself that will form the basis for his happiness or lack of it. It is your job to help him get not only a true picture of himself but as favorable a one as possible.