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## THOUGHT FOR TODAY

You never hear of a man marrying a woman to reform her. —Author Unknown

## EDITORIALS

### EVEN IF MEN DIE

With billions of dollars in military contracts to be let in the next few months, industrial leaders and governmental officials are somewhat concerned over the fact that there are virtually no reserves of skilled labor in the country, even though the volume of production for the armed forces is still very small.

There is the suggestion that manning our war industries may be as hard a job as manning the tanks, planes and other military equipment. This is, of course nonsense. If the occasion requires, the supply of labor can be shifted from non-essential to essential jobs. This will mean, of course, that some civilian production will have to be curtailed.

Meanwhile, the heavy industries, who will handle much of the war contracts, are looking hungrily for the contracts occasioned by the national emergency. The scent of war profits is in the air. Every producer knows that the billions to be spent for preparedness will mean tremendous profits to business. So far, no business man has suggested that any corporation make a contribution toward the safety of the nation.

With young men being called from their jobs and families to be trained for war and with other young men being wounded and killed daily in battle, it is not too much to expect that business should make some sacrifice along with the rest of the country. It is not a foolish idea to expect business corporations and individual enterprise to do something for the general welfare without putting the emphasis upon large and unusual profits.

We do not see anything wrong with the suggestion that every producer of articles needed for warfare be required to turn over a part of its production without profit. In fact, the opportunity exists for some smart corporation official to set a patriotic example by making an offer to serve the needs of the country without exacting a profit. It would not hurt most of our producers to devote a fourth or fifth of their working time to the production of goods or equipment for war without any profit whatsoever.

We are not against the corporate form of organization for business enterprise. Moreover, the courts of the country have ruled that corporations are persons insofar as certain legal rights are concerned. No court has yet been able to figure out, however, that a corporation owes the nation some form of service. The only form that it can give, in times of war and national emergencies, is to perform useful service without exacting profits.

If men must die to protect the nation, its people and its economic order, it is not too much to expect the large segment of that order, represented by corporate enterprise, to make a positive contribution to the national effort and in behalf of the national good.

### AN INTERESTING DEFENSE

An engineer who ran his train into the rear of another, killing thirty-two people and injuring more than one hundred passengers, was recently tried on a charge of manslaughter and acquitted because he put up the defense that he fainted at the controls just before the crash.

We do not know whether to scoff at the verdict, or not. Certainly, an engineer with long experience, who, upon an unfortunate occasion, passes a danger signal is out of his mind. It is very difficult to believe that an experienced engineer would willfully and recklessly pass through a signal warning him that another train is ahead.

Nevertheless, the verdict of the jury in this case offers an interesting defense to all engineers who may be accused of

## Furse's Fresh Flashes

Our press camera has proved to us that it takes only one-fortieth of a second to wink an eye. It's the fastest way we know of to get into trouble.

We just read where there is some argument as to the origin of civilization. We are not interested in the origin. What we'd like to know is when it will resume operations again.

Another interesting item stated that "George Washington could broad jump 23 feet—a record in those days." We know a few politicians today who can sidestep farther than that.

Calm those fears of an invasion from Mars. Surely they have heard about our new taxes down here.

Many a woman with a broken heart gets a big kick out of wearing it on her sleeve.

In this day of cosmic, violet, and other rays, the dimmest and weakest seems to be a ray of hope.

We're just about ready to put our new invention on the market. It's a portable electric blanket for walking in your sleep.

When a man says "I do" he's done.

Suspenders are the oldest form of Social Security.

Flipper Fanny, our dainty little contour twister, says a little soft soap can make any man slip.

criminal carelessness. All that they have to assert and persuade the jury to believe is that they "blacked-out." Perhaps, after all, this is the explanation of many unexplainable accidents that occur.

The people who drive automobiles are familiar with the fact that they can proceed for miles and miles without having any very clear recollection of what they have passed on the road. Instinctively at times, they proceed with speed and get by safely. Those who fail to make it successfully rarely live to explain what caused the crash on the highways.

## DOWN MEMORY LANE

**10 YEARS AGO . . .**  
Chris Lien, in charge of WPA, announced work on the new Central school building would start in the near future. . . The Plattsmouth American Legion Drum and Bugle Corps added another to their long string of brilliant success when they won first place in the Ak-Sar-Ben drill award, receiving \$100 in cash, a fine flag, trophy and individual trophies to each band member. . . P. H. S. Class officers were named as follows: James Yelick, president of Seniors; Ruth Lawson, for the Juniors; Lars Larson, the Sophomores, and Pat Libershal, the Freshman. . . Mr. and Mrs. William Senf announced the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Edith, to Mr. Clifford Dasher to occur on October 15th. . . Miss Helen Porter, Cass county assistance director, Mrs. Elmer Sundstrom and Miss Frances Loma of the assistance office attended state conference on social work at Norfolk.

**20 YEARS AGO . . .**  
The Lyman Richey Sand and Gravel Company, operating their pits six miles northwest of the city shipped 10,000 cars of sand and gravel from this point last year (1929) expecting to increase the amount this year (1930). . . Miss Eleanor O'Brien entertained the ladies of the local telephone exchange at a party at her home. Miss Melba Epler assisted her. . . P. H. S. Band under the direction of B. E. Woodward made their initial appearance at a football game adding much to the enthusiasm of the fans and players as well.

## The WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

(Copyright, 1949, By the Bell Syndicate, Inc.)  
**DREW PEASON SAYS: FURTHER FACTS REGARDING CONGRESSMAN BREHM; MRS. SOLIDAY KICKED BACK HALF HER EARNINGS FOR 37 MONTHS; BREHM CLAIMED MONEY WAS FOR OHIO GOP CAMPAIGN.**

**WASHINGTON:** Congressman Walter Brehm recently called me a liar for exposing his "kickback" manipulations with his office payroll.

I suppose it might be appropriate to remind Congressman Brehm that some of his ex-colleagues referred to me in the same language, notably ex-Congressman J. Parnell Thomas of New Jersey and ex-Congressman Andrew May of Kentucky, though they later went to jail.

However, I prefer to answer Congressman Brehm by giving some additional facts in the case and letting the public decide who is really guilty of telling lies. . . The total kickbacks Brehm received from Mrs. Clara Soliday, a 75-year-old widow formerly employed in his office for three years, amounted to approximately \$7,300.



Here is a month-to-month account of how this money was paid to Brehm from the time she went on his payroll January 10, 1945 until she was summarily discharged Jan. 31, 1948, after having broken her arm.

Mrs. Soliday was paid \$332.22 for the first part of the month she was employed. Of this, she had to kick back \$100 to her boss. In the next five months, from February 1 to July 1, 1945, she received \$322.72 monthly, of which she returned \$150 each month to Brehm.

Her salary went up in July to \$359.16 a month (net after regular income and withholding taxes) and so did her kickbacks. From July to December 31, Mrs. Soliday regularly returned \$175 of her monthly earnings to Brehm.

For the first six months of 1946 Mrs. Soliday kicked back \$180 a month out of a \$373.86 net salary. From June 30, 1946, until she lost her job Jan. 31, 1948, her listed salary was \$442 a month. However, during all this 19-month period Mrs. Soliday kicked back \$240 a month to Brehm.

In other words, during the entire 37 months, the lady was employed, she was allowed to keep only about half her earnings. . . P. H. S. Class officers were named as follows: James Yelick, president of Seniors; Ruth Lawson, for the Juniors; Lars Larson, the Sophomores, and Pat Libershal, the Freshman. . . Mr. and Mrs. William Senf announced the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Edith, to Mr. Clifford Dasher to occur on October 15th. . . Miss Helen Porter, Cass county assistance director, Mrs. Elmer Sundstrom and Miss Frances Loma of the assistance office attended state conference on social work at Norfolk.

The aged lady's troubles really began to pile up in late 1947. While vacationing with a daughter in Cleveland, Ohio, Mrs. Soliday fell and broke her arm. However, another kickback to Brehm was due and she hastened back to Washington on Aug. 30, 1947, without stopping for medical treatment.

The arm was X-rayed in Washington and found to be broken but before it could be reset Mrs. Soliday went to the office of the house sergeant-at-arms on August 31 to cash her pay check. Then she went to a hospital, where she told a daughter, Mrs. Margaret Hiser, to get \$240 from her (Mrs. Soliday's) pocketbook.

She then informed her daughter to put the money in an envelope also in the pocketbook. . . The envelope, believe it or not, bore Brehm's free mailing frank, plus his return address in Washington in Brehm's own handwriting! In other words Congressman Brehm made sure that his office clerk would not forget her monthly kickback while she was on vacation.

Before Mrs. Soliday left, he gave her an envelope which he had addressed himself in which to return the money. . . "Isn't this a lot of cash to be sending in a letter?" Mrs. Hiser recalls asking her mother. . . Up to this point—Aug. 31, 1947—Mrs. Hiser says that she didn't know about her mother's kickback, but learned about the payroll padding for the first time when she put the \$240 in the envelope and mailed it to Brehm.

**Last Kickback**  
A son, Ray Soliday, an interstate commerce commission official in Washington, personally delivered the last kickback to Brehm after Mrs. Soliday, still ailing from her accident and unable to meet Brehm's efficiency standards, was fired.

Soliday went to Brehm's office the first week in February, 1948, with the \$240 in cash. However, he urged the Congressman to permit his mother to keep the final payment "in view of the circumstances" (her being discharged) and the fact that she had "no visible means of support."

However, Brehm refused, saying that the "committee" (an Ohio) expected the money and that he, Brehm, could not go back on his "arrangement" with the committee.

"I don't care what the committee thinks," retorted Soliday. "My mother is entitled to this money and she should be allowed to keep it."

Finally, Brehm agreed to let Soliday return \$100 of the \$240 to his mother—a sort of kickback in reverse—but he pocketed the remaining \$140 for the "committee."

Ray Soliday didn't see Congressman Brehm again until last July when he was summoned to Brehm's apartment in the Methodist building and informed him that "Drew Pearson is after a story about me."

"If Drew Pearson or any of his employees contact you—don't talk to them," instructed Brehm.

**Washington Snapshots**  
A servant discreetly pulling down the old-fashioned blinds in the parlor of Blair House, where the Trumans live. . . George Marshall's quiet smile in place of Louey Johnson's broad grin at the Pentagon. . . Secretary of State Dean Acheson's eloquent, mustache emphasizing a point. . . John Steelman's long, loping walk through the lobby of the east wing of the White House. . . the dazed look on the faces of young government girls each time handsome Stuart Symington strides by. . . the worn carpet and sedate atmosphere of the Connecticut Avenue mansion which houses the Republican National Committee compared to the brassy modernism of the Democrats down the street. . . the smile of Sen. Margaret Chase Smith of Maine—a contrast to Bob Taft's permissiveness grimace.

**Real Estate Transfers**  
Gerald V. Fleming & Pearl V. —14-11-13 SE 1/4 of Lat-ta's 1st Add. to Murray, \$4000.00.  
Gerald V. Fleming & Pearl V. —Leon Gansmeyer & Evelyn E. —30 A. N 1/2 NW 1/4 20-11-13, \$6000.  
Mary E. Inman—Ira Inman & Rose—1/2 int. L. 23 Louis, \$100.  
Ira Inman & Rose—Ira Inman & Rose—23 Louis, \$100.  
Elizabeth Miller & Homer E. —James E. Wiles & Olga O. —E 1/2 SE 1/4 Ex. L. 14-11-13, \$12,500.00.  
Dale Long et al—James E. Wiles and Olga O. —W 1/2 SE 1/4 14-11-13, \$12,500.00.  
Allan D. Boswell & Della A. —Boyd W. Bronn & Luella M. —N 1/2 SE 1/4 & SE 1/4 31-11-9, \$14,000.00.  
Wm. Miles Eloe & Marcella—John W. Stones & Margaret—L. 38 Oakmont, \$8,000.00.  
Hans J. Schroeder—Dorothy K. Nessen & Clarence W.—L. 473 Louis, 100.  
Home Owners Loan Corp.—Orrell L. Hennings & Cecil A. —N 87' Ls. 1 to 4 Platts, \$100.  
A. E. Johnson & Irma M.—Donald L. Boldra & Christa—So. 50' Ls. 1, 2, 3, 6, 54 Ex W12' of 3, \$5,250.00.  
Minnie A. Johnson—Lewis F. Johnson—Und. 1/2 int. E 1/2 NW 1/4 & W 1/2 NE 1/4 14-12-9, \$100.  
Franklin E. Womack & Wilma A.—Wm. F. Nolte & Nettie—L. 11 B. 138 Platts, \$100.  
Joseph M. Hoenshell & Jessie—Harold C. Neill Grace E.—Ls. 346 347, 348, 349, 350, Greenwood, \$100.  
Phyllis B. Straub—James I. Fitzpatrick & Eva—NE 1/4 & roadway N 1/2 SE 1/4 21-10-13, \$100.  
Mary May Troop & George—Holly D. Mickles & Evelyn Max-ine—L. 4 So. 32.75' L. 5 & L. 6 B. 24 Platts, L. 1 & L. 20' L. 2 & 3 B. 1 Y&H Add. \$650.00.  
Wm. Oberholte & Bessie—Nebr. Masonic Home—L. 12 B. 5, Nehawka, \$100.

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## CAPITOL NEWS

LINCOLN — Support for Gov. Val Peterson's highway program was being offered from an unexpected source this week.

Henry Terry Carpenter, the wealthy Scotsbuilt Democrat, who has been sharply critical of Peterson's administration and who had been a candidate for governor in the August 8 primary, wrote to the governor:

"This letter is written to offer you my support in your road program and the two amendments that you have sponsored to raise funds to make the necessary improvements in our state highway system, both as a citizen and a reasonably large operator of commercial and private trucks in the state.

"The simple fact is that to have highways you must have money—and one up to this time has offered a workable substitute, and I don't want to be a party to an attempt to kill a factual program in exchange for a remote imaginary one. The trouble with the trucking industry in Nebraska is that we are always against something pertaining to our trucking industry and never for anything.

"If in your judgment I can be of any service or assistance in your program I request that you call upon me to serve in any capacity that in your judgment I can fill."

The governor who said he was "very pleased" to receive the letter, added that he thought "Terry has put his finger on the important thing in this program. All the opponents have taken an utterly negative approach."

**THE BOARD OF CONTROL** does not expect its budget request for the next biennium to be more than ten per cent higher than for the current two-year period.

That's the opinion of Mrs. Mary Prince, vice chairman of the board. It's based on an incomplete study of requests for funds which are now being received from the various institutions run by the board.

The current budget is about \$16,500,000.

The board two years ago trimmed the institutions' requests from \$19,468,000 to \$16,898,000. The legislature reduced this by about \$500,000.

One encouraging factor, Mrs. Prince said, is that nine institutions have asked for no increases and some have even asked for less. This is particularly true of the penitentiary and York reformatory for women, where building programs completed during the current biennium do not require similar funds during 1951-53.

**OMAHA** is probably the only target in Nebraska on which an enemy might drop an atomic bomb. Governor Peterson said last week, therefore, the state's civil defense job must be approached from the angle of helping the Gate City.

There are 50 or more targets in the country with priority higher than Omaha, Peterson said, "but that doesn't mean we can let down."

And, according to the governor, cities in the Cornhusker state must be in a position to speed help to centers like Kansas City, Chicago and Denver, and perhaps even to the west coast.

**NEBRASKA** could build another \$10,000,000 capitol without the money lost in traffic accidents last year, according to the traffic engineering section of the state highway department.

In a comprehensive analysis of the state's 1942 traffic accidents in 1949, the department calculated that the 256 fatal accidents cost \$4,659,200, 3,645 non-fatal accidents \$2,405,000 and 15,276 property damage accidents \$2,444,000.

Drunken drivers accounted for only six percent of the fatal accidents. This ranked behind speeding, failure to grant right-of-way, on wrong side of road, disregarding stop sign, and improper passing.

"Drivers who had been drinking," the report said, "were involved in only three percent of the total number of accidents. However, their period of destruction is concentrated at the week end."

**FINAL APPROVAL** for four Nebraska airport construction projects is hoped for this week. State Aeronautics Director James D. Ramsey said final papers are being prepared for construction of administration buildings at Stuart-Atkinson, Hartington and Wahoo and for landing facilities at Harrison.

The three buildings will cost about \$12,000 or less and the Harrison project will cost about \$32,000, he said. The federal government will pay half the cost with state and local funds making up the difference.

**A CUT** in the cost of administering the agricultural gasoline tax refund has been announced by Governor Peterson. Starting this week, two percent, instead of three percent, of the refund will be held back by the state as a fee for administering the program.

The 1941 legislature set up the program under which the farmers would be refunded money on

# DALE CARNEGIE

AUTHOR OF "HOW TO STOP WORRYING AND START LIVING"

"Do Unto Others . . ."

THE FOLLOWING STORY originated a number of years ago, and Oliver Simms, New York City, says he has had ample time to prove the benefit of what he learned.

He had been given the responsibility of directing the work of several men and women. The nature of the work was very exacting; even a small mistake could cause considerable trouble and be the means of creating a good deal of expense for the employer.

He was rather young and, as he says, possibly a bit over-zealous, and since he himself was a conscientious worker, more or less of a "perfectionist," he soon developed into a rather strict man. Everything had to be done just the right way, and invariably the right way was the way he wanted it done. He allowed no leeway. When a mistake occurred, he didn't hesitate to let the perpetrator know how he felt about it and how the company officials would feel about it. He always ended his remarks with "and we don't want it to occur again." Then he went about his own duties with no thought of how it affected the employee.

It wasn't long before he was recognized as a very unpopular person. Naturally!

But, fortunately, it wasn't long either before Oliver Simms realized his lack of popularity. He didn't feel he had a real friend in the place. He was an intelligent man; he knew that no one can work long among a group of people if they are not his friends. He began to take stock of himself. Then he recalled the golden rule. Remember it? In case you don't, here it is: "Do Unto Others as You Would Have Others Do Unto You."

Was he treating his fellow workers the way he would want to be treated? He, too, had made mistakes; he, too, no doubt, would make others, no matter how conscientious he was.

It took a little time to correct the situation he had created, but not so long as maybe you would think, for people are quick to respond to kindness, understanding and sympathetic interest.

was they used for agricultural purposes. But the senators said the program must pay for itself. The state began by holding back five percent. This was later cut to four percent and five years ago was reduced to three.

Clay Wright is director of the program. Better administration methods were credited with the reduction.

**Nebraska Casualties in Korean Area**  
Department of Defense today announced the following casualties in the Korean area:

Killed in action, Marine Corps: Private First Class Jack Howard Shramek, son of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Shramek, 2718 South 18th St., Omaha; Air Force: First Lieutenant Jack A. Lightner, son of Mr. and Mrs. George P. Lightner, St. Edward. (Previously reported Missing in Action).

Wounded, Army: Private First Class Paul William Johnson, son of Mrs. Elsie Johnson, Macy, First Lieutenant Dorsey Max Labart, husband of Mrs. Emma M. Labart, Box 95, Bradshaw.

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

**HAVE YOU EVER NOTICED** how often adopted children resemble their foster parents? Of course, under modern agency procedure the physical and mental characteristics of each child and adopting couple are as carefully matched as possible. But beyond this, mannerisms, attitudes, spontaneous reactions often make uniformed observers exclaim, "Why, he's the image of his father, isn't he?"

This capacity for imitation leads us to expect that children will be like their parents—even in deficiencies. We shrug our shoulders at Jane's low spelling grade and say, "Well, her mother never could spell either." Jane has probably heard these words many times, and it may be this pronunciation rather than any inherited inability that is responsible for her difficulty. Some parents constantly underestimate their children, forgetting that just as a son grows in height to tower over his father, many sons eventually surpass their parents in mental growth.

It's just as dangerous, of course, to overrate a child. Imagine how terrifying it must be to a mediocre student to know his parents have already registered him in a big name college and cherish hopes of seeing him graduate with honors. Not content with normal family deficiencies, we make subtle efforts to make our children more like ourselves. A man who is mechanically inclined is apt to try to pry a quiet

son away from constant book reading. Conversely, a scholarly father cannot help feeling his boy is wasting time putting with wires and screws. These disapproving attitudes on the part of the parents won't change a child's nature, but they can be damaging to his security. Teen-agers, especially, are apt to feel crushed when the weight of parental disapproval is added to overly harsh self-condemnation. A school teacher overheard an adolescent girl telling her friend, "The trouble with me is that I'm the kind of person my mother doesn't want me to associate with."

This does not mean that enthusiasm and worthwhileness of certain human relationships cannot be communicated by example. The pleasure Mother and Dad get from reading aloud to each other after dinner is the best possible learning stimulus to the children. And a father who bounds eagerly up the walk to be welcomed by Mother's "How good to have you home," accomplishes more toward giving children a healthy, reverent attitude toward marriage than would any number of lectures on the subject.

We all know homes which fairly buzz with hobby activities. It is in such an atmosphere that children develop exciting new interests and often reveal totally unsuspected gifts. But don't be disappointed if they bear little resemblance to those talents you hoped your child would have!