

EDITORIALS

GOOD ADVICE ON GIVING

In calling attention to the generosity of the American public, which has contributed more than \$4,000,000,000 a year to philanthropic purposes, Mr. F. Emerson Andrews, of the Russell Sage Foundation staff, points out that there are dangers in generalizing about giving.

There are some, he says, who want to head contributors' lists for selfish reasons, some unable to find causes that challenge them, some so close to a subsistence margin that they have nothing to give and others who have a margin in their finances but "none in their sympathies."

Mr. Andrews gives twenty suggestions for more effective giving. We think they are worth passing on to our readers:

1. Give to your own community, where you are most likely to know about needs and services; but remember also poorer communities, which have greater needs and fewer able to help.
2. Give nationally and internationally, for we need to be one world.
3. Give to relieve physical need, in an emergency or when relief from the constituted agencies is for some good reason inappropriate or impossible.
4. Give in such ways that the gift will not sap effort or confirm a feeling of inadequacy, but will stimulate the recipient to renewed activity on his own behalf.
5. Give toward rehabilitation rather than relief.
6. Give toward cure rather than treatment.
7. Still better, give toward prevention.
8. Seek no personal credit for your gift and do not expect gratitude.
9. Give to no organization unknown to you without investigation.
10. Avoid giving to organizations which unnecessarily duplicate work already being efficiently done.
11. Avoid giving to organizations whose collection costs are high or methods doubtful.
12. When you give, give absolutely, with no expectation of control over the recipient.
13. Give while living, that you may see your gifts in action and learn the art of giving.
14. Give in ways that will stimulate larger giving from others.
15. Give in order to open doors of opportunity for the talented, and to make possible for others that greatest gift, their personal service.
16. Give adequately for the need, but not lavishly.
17. Give toward research and discovery, and especially toward discovery of the conditions of health and well-being.
18. Give toward demonstrations of useful new services and ideas, and when these have proved themselves, withdraw support and let them be maintained by the users or the community.
19. If you give substantial amounts or for the long future, give under provisions which will permit changing the purpose of your gift.
20. Finally, in all your giving, give thought "Somebody must sweat blood with gift money," said Henry S. Pritchett when president of the Carnegie Foundation, "if its effect is not to do more harm than good." But with thoughtful giving even small sums may accomplish great purposes.

The man or woman who is too busy to take a vacation is in for a great surprise; when he, or she, dies, the world will hardly miss them.

THIS MIGHT SAVE A LIFE

May we once again, without impertinence, advise parents of Cass county, to carefully store pistols, guns and other weapons out of the reach of children?

Almost every day some little child is killed in the United States through the handling of a firearm by another child, who usually "finds it" where the parents "thought" it was safely hidden.

Many Americans might be inclined to overlook the fact, but the public school system is the great bulwark of independence and liberty.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Great eaters and great sleepers are incapable of anything else that is great.

— Henry IV of France

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Furse's Fresh Flashes

Advice is usually worthless because older people have had more experience and rarely heed it and younger people know everything and do not need it.

One little kid, living down the street here in Plattsmouth, has learned to swear terribly, but it doesn't bother his mother much as she says although he knows all the words, he hasn't yet learned to put any expression in 'em.

It is truly a woman's world. When a man is born, people ask about the mother. When he marries, it's "what a lovely bride." And when he dies everybody wants to know how much he left her.

Asked the son the other night why he kept scratching himself. He told me he was the only one who "knows where I itch."

If you want to know who is boss in the family just keep your eyes on the one a salesman concentrates on when husband is buying a suit.

Tourists are people who travel thousands of miles to get a picture of themselves standing beside their car.

We can't see what keeps some girls from freezing this kind of weather, but then, maybe we're not supposed to.

Flipper Fanny, our dainty little contour twister, breezed in the other morning with some more good advice. Fanny says to let a fool kiss you is stupid, but to let a kiss fool you is worse.

The moon doesn't effect the tide as much as the untied.

DOWN MEMORY LANE

20 YEARS AGO

Rev. H. G. McClusky delivered address to student body of local high school on Lincoln's Birthday observance, emphasizing the "Inner Life of Abraham Lincoln." . . . Rev. and Mrs. H. L. Grassmuck, former pastor of the Christian church here, visited friends enroute to their home at Arlington. . . Fontenelle Chapter D.A.R. held a colonial tea and display of quilts and antiques at the Presbyterian Fellowship room. . . The Elks lodge of this city closed their club rooms on North Sixth streets with activities being moved to the country club as of March 1st.

10 YEARS AGO

The kindergarten pupils at Columbian school held a patriotic program under direction of their teacher Miss Sylvia Korbel. . . Miss Leona M. Meisinger and Frank J. Biers were married at rectory of St. John's church here by Rt. Rev. Msgr. Geo. Agius. . . Marie Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Anderson of Nehawka was awarded a scholarship to Doane College through her merits in 4-H club work. . . Plattsmouth State Bank was host at an annual party tendered by the officials of the bank to the farmer patrons.

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DREW PEARSON SAYS: FRIENDSHIP TOYS SAIL FOR EUROPE; GERMAN-SWISS DYE FIRM BECOMES PAWN OF DEMOCRATIC POLITICS; BUSINESS TYCOONS HELP TRUMAN CAMPAIGN FUND AND ANGLE FOR GENERAL ANILINE AND FILM.

Washington.—Today the SS Aagteydyk sails from Philadelphia, city of brotherly love, bearing the first cargo of the Tide of Toys to Europe. This is a friendship cargo which the American Legion has painstakingly collected from all parts of the U.S.A. for the children of Europe and the families of American GI's in Korea.

Last year the Legion sent 3,000,000 toys to Europe. Frequently drives of this kind slacken after the first year. People get tired or discouraged, figure the need isn't quite so great. But the Legion has reversed this trend, and the amazing total of 7,000,000 toys have now been contributed by children who could spare a toy from under their own Christmas tree.

What the Legion and its friends have realized is that money cannot buy friendship. Nor can the shipment of arms build friendship. Nor can the rebuilding of European factories, important as that is, build friendship. It is the people-to-people understanding, such as comes through a gift of a toy bearing a message from one child to another, which really builds the kind of enduring friendship we need.

Note—The Legion did such a good job collecting friendship toys this year that the cost of shipping became much greater than last year. Whereupon a group of patriotic businessmen in New York, led by Lewis Rosenstiel, stepped in to raise \$50,000 to cover overhead expenses.

LAFF OF THE WEEK



"By Golly — It IS Ticking! Let's Mark It Insufficient Postage And Send It Back!"

ALIEN PROPERTY POLITICS

One of the little-noticed but festering political sores of Washington is General Aniline and Film, the giant German-Swiss chemical corporation, formerly affiliated with the notorious G. Farben cartel and now a pawn in the cutthroat game of democratic politics.

If a senate committee ever pries into the political ramifications of General Aniline and Film it will make the current probe of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation seem palled by comparison. Technically, the German-Swiss company is supposed to be operated by the alien property custodian of the U. S. justice department. But the justice department has farmed direction of the company to various friends who include Harry Truman get where he is.

First of all, snrewd, farsighted Victor Emanuel, tycoon of the American Aviation Company, appointed Leo Crowley as head of his Standard Gas and Electric Co. when Leo was a power in the Roosevelt administration. At that time — 1935 and the years following — Crowley had the unique privilege of drawing \$75,000 from Standard Gas and Electric at the very same time he was working for U. S. taxpayers as head of Federal Deposit Insurance and as alien property custodian.

An indication that Crowley was serving two masters came later when he rewarded the man who paid him \$75,000 annually by making Victor Emanuel a director of the giant German firm, General Aniline and Film. As alien property custodian, Crowley could appoint the directors of this German firm, and he appointed not only Emanuel, but Emanuel's close friend, George Allen.

PROFITABLE BACK-SCRATCHING

After Crowley stepped down as alien property custodian, he placed his own friend and assistant, Jim Markham, in this key position. And Markham, in turn, appointed another friend of his, Emanuel's, Louey Johnson on the board of General Aniline and Film. Johnson became not only a director, but general counsel at a retainer of \$37,500 annually.

Later, when Markham stepped out as alien property custodian, he got a job in Louey Johnson's law firm. Thus, everybody scratched each other's back all the way round.

However, a lot of politicians had their eyes on the giant German-Swiss firm, Manufacturing as it does anso film, hormones, and 1,000 different synthetic dyes, it was the juiciest property seized by the government during the war. Its factories spread out from Grassell N. J. to Birmingham and Johnson City, N. Y., and a total of \$1,000,000 a year was paid out to top executives and directors.

So, in 1947, Bob Hannegan of Democratic national committee fame, induced Attorney General Tom Clark to appoint Jack Frye as head of General Aniline. Frye, a party faithful, had been eased out of his job as head of Trans World Airlines, but now stepped into the presidency of the giant German-Swiss firm at \$72,000.

BATTLE OF TYCOONS
About that time Victor Emanuel's influence began to wane, and the influence of rival tycoon, Floyd Odium, began to increase. Both, incidentally, had carefully sweetened the kitty of the Democratic party, but in 1948 Odium had gone down the line for Truman while Emanuel flirted with the Republicans.

At any rate, today finds Richard C. Patterson, a satellite of Floyd Odium, on the board of General Aniline, and significantly appointed as U. S. ambassador to Switzerland. Patterson has no outstanding qualification for the U. S. ambassadorship to Switzerland, having recently served in an opposite area of the world—Guatemala. However, it may or may not be a coincidence that the Swiss are now doing their best to take

WASHINGTON REPORT

By Howard Buffett, 2nd Dist., Nebraska

Before the recent wage-price freeze order was issued, this office was beginning to receive a few letters urging a new OPA. Actually I was surprised that we didn't get more requests—considering the way prices have gone up. Rising prices are a cruel and bitter problem for most people.

This problem has so many angles that it is hard to discuss it satisfactorily. But the rising cost of living or more accurately—the steady decline in the buying power of the dollar—is about the most important economic fact in our lives.

In earlier years this column emphasized one fact over and over again. It was that prices were not coming down, but were going higher. Why was I so sure? The answer is simple. The financial policies of the Roosevelt and Truman Administrations were deliberately designed to decrease the value of the dollar. And they still are!

Price-fixing is an economic narcotic, used to postpone the painful discovery that a swindle is taking place. It does not deal with the cause of inflation. Price-fixing is exactly the same as treating a decayed and aching tooth with novocaine. Hitler used it. Stalin uses it to conceal a rotting currency.

My heart aches for those hurt the worst by inflation—white collar workers, pensioners, young married couples, and all thrifty folks with fixed incomes. Their standard of living is being decimated. But even the government that is sworn to protect them.

Can inflation be stopped? Certainly. Two moves will head us toward stability. (1) An end to the foreign handouts that bleed us white. (2) A halt to the issuance of irredeemable paper money. These actions, especially No. 2, are decisive correctives. In their absence, proposed remedies are humbug—or worse.

over General Aniline, in fact, have used the U. S. government, while the Swiss government has made representations to the state department on behalf of the European investors in General Aniline.

So naturally the question is being asked as to whether a Floyd Odium as ambassador to Switzerland could not perhaps intervene in this delicate, difficult situation.

SONGBIRD DIRECTOR
Other interesting political appointments to the board of General Aniline, made by a politically minded justice department, are: Morton Downey, the Coca-Cola singer, who is a delightful personality and knows little about dyestuffs; Colvin Brown, publisher of the Motion Picture Daily and great friend of ex-Postmaster General Frank Walker; William J. Mahaney of San Francisco, who gave \$5,000 to the Democrats; and Donald Lincoln, law partner of Louey Johnson, who contributed \$1,000 to the Democrats. Meanwhile, General Aniline's earnings have dropped. Meanwhile, also, the U. S. government has followed a general policy of selling off other German property seized during the war. General Aniline and Film, however, remains unsold, and the juiciest industrial pawn in all party politics.

To be prepared for all emergencies, a home builder should make certain that his chimney is large enough to handle any type of fuel.

More than 11 million tons of bituminous coal are consumed annually in New York City.

CAPITOL NEWS

LINCOLN — Nebraskans who don't like the 1951 license plates — and there are a lot of them — judging by legislator's mail — won't have to put up with the new style next year, if the current sentiment in the unicameral holds up for a few more days.

A United Press survey of the 43 members showed that 29 want the old numerical system back; three favor giving the lettered plates a little longer trial and the rest just don't care very much one way or the other.

The legislature's public works committee lost little time last week rushing out to general file a bill to change back to the 1950 method. It is L. B. 116, introduced by Sens. Edgar C. Fremont, C. C. Lillibridge of Crete and Otto Frohs of Gering.

The new plates, which Senator Lee described as "something the dreamboys here in this dreamhouse (state capitol) got up to show us," had no friends at the hearing. Owen Boyle, director of the motor vehicle division in the state highway department, attended the hearing, but did not testify.

Three representatives of the Lincoln police department told the committee they favored the old style. Police Chief Joe Carroll said all the attendants at the recent police school here preferred the old plates "to the man." Traffic Captain J. Paul Shively said the new tags are harder for an excited accident victim or witness to read. "I don't see why we should make it any tougher for the law enforcement officer," he said. Inspector Eugene Masters, criminal-division chief, said his opinion was that the old, established plates were more easily recognized.

One word of warning was sounded by Clarence Keller, superintendent of the license plate factory at the reformatory, who said there might be trouble getting 150,000 pounds of aluminum of the proper size to return to the old system by 1952.

But at week's end, it remained for Chris Kuhner, a member of the Lancaster county board of commissioners, to come up with the simplest solution of all: abolish license plates, he said, make the owner paint his own number on the car.

Fireworks has been a touchy subject in the legislature for the past several sessions and a bit of well-timed oratory by Sen. Jack McKnight of Auburn prevented passage in the 1949 session of a bill by Sen. O. H. Person of Wahoo to outlaw the noisemakers. Everybody got a big laugh two years ago when debate on the measure was interrupted by the explosion of a giant firecracker in the cloakroom.

But nobody laughed last week at the hearing on L. B. 79, Sen. Sam Klavner's bill to prohibit the sale or possession of fireworks in Nebraska. Nobody laughed because one of those who testified for the bill was nine-year-old Robert Hardy of Scribner, who is partially blind and whose face is disfigured because of a firecracker explosion which burned him horribly and which nearly cost his life.

Reporters are supposed to be a pretty hard-nosed class of citizens. But even the newsmen were a little lumpy around the throat when Robert broke into sobs after he started to tell how the accident happened.

Senator Person, chairman of the public health committee which was hearing the bill, comforted the lad and then asked his father to tell the story. Frank Hardy, a Scribner farmer, came forward and stood with his arm about the weeping Robert. In slow, simple words, he told how the boy and his two brothers were in a car, lighting firecrackers. Robert tossed one out a window. It hit a tree and bounced back into his lap where he held a boxful of fireworks.

Then he described the awful minutes when two doctors and three nurses fought to force blood into the lad's collapsed veins.

"When you've got a child," he said then stopped to gain control of his voice, "and they're giving him blood, a drop at a time, it goes awful slow."

The committee took only a matter of minutes to speed the bill out to general file and this week it was well on its way toward passage.

A crop failure, or complete deflation are about the only things that will prepare Nebraskans for acceptance of a sales tax, Sen. Dwight Burney of Hartington has concluded with some sadness.

Burney, with Sens. C. E. Metzger of Cedar Creek and Charles Lindgren of Campbell, is the introducer of a two per cent sales tax bill which will be heard soon by the revenue committee.

Chairman of the group is Sen. Charles Tvrdek of Omaha, who moved to kill Burney's sales tax bill in the 1949 session. And the rest of the committee is pretty much loaded against Burney. Two other Omaha members, Jack Larkin and Karl Vogel, ago as did Sens. Jack McKnight and C. C. Lillibridge who are on Tvrdek's committee this time. Ben a bad case of the jitters with his bill to outlaw parimutuel betting, was not among those senators and their wives were guests of the Ak at a buf-

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DALE CARNEGIE

AUTHOR OF "HOW TO STOP WORRYING AND START LIVING"

Simple Kindness Brings Fortune

IF YOU HAVE THOUGHT simple acts of kindness do not pay, read the story of Miss Martha V. Culbreth, Eastover, N. C.

Miss Culbreth is in her late teens; she has been reared to thoughtfulness of others, geared as it were to kindness, so when she saw during a vacation at Myrtle Beach, S.C., an elderly woman sitting wearily down in a hotel lobby, it was just second nature to her to go over and see if she could do anything for her. She could; the woman would like to have a glass of water. Well, that was little enough to do, so Martha brought the glass of water forthwith. Her spirits lifted by the cool drink, the woman, who proved to be a Mrs. Baker of Philadelphia, chatted in friendly fashion with Martha.



Carnegie

Back in her job at the Carolina Music Company store in Fayetteville, Martha thought nothing of the kindly act of hers, but she did think how pleasant it was to have formed a nice friendship with the woman who asked for the water.

Came Martha's nineteenth birthday. She spent it in the store, as usual. But this proved to be an unusual day, for into that store walked Thomas M. Baker, the son of Martha's new friend. He handed her an envelope saying it contained a birthday present from his mother. A birthday present. Well, when she looked at the present, it was a check for \$7500. Mrs. Baker, too, was geared to kindness.

Martha could hardly believe her eyes, or the ink on that check, for she felt she was dreaming, perhaps the victim of a joke. When Mr. Baker asked if there was anything else she wanted, she touched a piano and replied, "Yes, this," Mr. Baker learned the price of the piano and wrote a check for it, then asked if she wanted anything else, maybe she would like the store, too? Laughingly, Martha said, "Oh, yes."

The store became hers as quickly as the transaction could be consummated.

You may not always reap such a harvest from a kind deed, but if you watch yourself, you will find that the lift you get from performing one will bring reward in some degree.

let dinner and hockey game last week. But Carson had a good excuse: he and Mrs. Carson were in a minor traffic accident and she was a bit shaken up. . . Together, these men form a majority of the committee. Support for the bill within the committee will come from Metzger, a co-introducer, and perhaps from Sens. Earl Lee of Fremont and Charles Wilson of Norfolk, who voted against killing the 1949 bill.

"But," said Burney with a shrug, "you have to keep plugging away at a thing like this, year after year."

A sigh of relief went up in the legislative chamber on the first day of the session, when Dick Harvel, the 6 foot, 5 inch freshman from Hastings announced there would be no water diversion bill this time. Remembering the bitter fights over diversion that have split recent sessions, veteran lawmakers applauded loudly.

But for several hours on the last day for introduction of bills by members, the specter of a diversion fight invaded the chamber, personified by C. G. Wallace of Hastings, who brought along several copies of a bill to lift the state's ban on diverting water from one watershed to another.

Even after the deadline had passed, Wallace said he would carry his fight to the governor. Wallace has filed an action with the state irrigation bureau claiming water rights for a section of his farm which cannot be irrigated with diversion.

Campaign To Open At Greenwood Soon

The Salvation Army service unit committee of Greenwood will conduct its annual campaign to raise funds for local and regional welfare needs soon. Local committeemen cooperating with and sponsoring the unit in Greenwood are Rev. C. Jannen, chairman; Marie L. Schweppe, treasurer; E. P. McHugh, Murdock, chairman, and John C. Peglow and Mrs. Verna Rasmussen, chairman and treasurer at Gretna.

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