

EDITORIALS

THE ONE ROOM SCHOOLHOUSE

All over the nation the controversy is raging as to whether rural schools should be reorganized so as to eliminate the small country schoolhouse in favor of a larger consolidated school.

Three years ago the University of Wisconsin started a 20-year research program in an effort to find an answer to this question. The tentative conclusions reached, according to the New York Times, are as follows:

(1) Many homogeneous cultural and religious groups still cling to their neighborhood school. They want to keep their customs and traditions; they fight against the prospect of their children having to get their schooling in town where they may pick up conflicting ideas.

(2) Where neighborhood and family ties are strong, reorganization is resisted. The one-room school house is an integral part of the area's social life.

(3) Farm families who travel to town for the Saturday night movie instead of remaining in their local areas for their traditional social events are less likely to oppose sending their children to the school in town.

(4) Acceptance of reorganization comes more readily when there is a diversity of occupation among the people of the community.

(5) Acceptance of technological developments in farming generally accompanies the move toward the larger village school.

In 1947 Wisconsin attempted to consolidate school districts, but antagonism from farm communities stopped the program two years later. This was the setting for launching the 20-year research program "to draw valid conclusions concerning the most desirable type of school organization for rural communities."

Burton Kreitlow, professor of education at the University of Wisconsin, who is in charge of the research program, has stated that we "would rather take the time and be right than make hasty judgments on the basis of short term research."

POLIO IMMUNIZATION NEXT YEAR

President E. R. Harriman, of the American Red Cross, recently revealed that children in stricken areas will receive protection against polio next year, in the form of immunization. This will mark a major step forward in the progress against paralytic poliomyelitis.

The project announced by Mr. Harriman calls for production of gamma globulin on a greatly increased basis. It is estimated that at least two million children will need gamma globulin next year as a protective treatment.

Gamma globulin is a blood component which provides temporary immunity from polio. Tests conducted indicate that while inoculation with this preventative does not prove one hundred per cent effective, it does reduce the outbreak of polio, from the second to fifth weeks after inoculation to a fraction of results experienced when no inoculations were given.

Further study is being made into the possibilities of gamma globulin and other possible immunizations, but, meanwhile, the first polio immunization project is scheduled for next summer. This project is sure to prove a great physical and psychological aid in the continuing fight against infantile paralysis and it is hoped that, from the use of this preventative, medical science will find the answers necessary for the perfection of an immunization which is one hundred per cent effective.

U.S. CHURCHGOERS

The first nationwide survey of religious beliefs and practices ever made in the United States was recently completed and showed that only 35,000,000 Americans go to church every week. An equal number, 35,000,000, never go to church. A

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Sleep (is) the twin of death.

—Homer

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Furse's Fresh Flashes

The man who claims he never made a mistake in his life generally has a wife who did.

More folks get run down by gossip than by automobiles.

It's easy to control your temper when the other fellow is bigger than you are.

A school for brides should be set up in every community. There's hardly a newly married woman who knows how to go about getting a divorce.

Actually we don't know what we would do if somebody gave us a million dollars. But, we know one guy here who would count it.

A fire department is never appreciated by those who have never had a fire.

We're afraid that if the dollar ever gets back to normal purchasing power we won't have any.

By having radios in their cells, some people claim that prison inmates are being pampered. They evidently haven't been listening in lately.

An eastern professor says that marriage should be made more difficult. Wonder if he thinks it's easy now.

Lying never seems more obnoxious than when the other fellow is doing a better job than you are.

Down Memory Lane

10 YEARS AGO

Records show that 302 licenses for marriages were issued in Cass county during the past year . . . 18 divorces were granted in district court during 1942 . . . Plattsmouth defeated Auburn 39 to 23 in a basketball game here . . . Donald Cramer has been installed as Noble Grand of Plattsmouth IOOF lodge. William H. Ofc is vice grand. Dr. J. J. Stibal, secretary, and D. S. Sumner, treasurer . . . Stuart J. Sedlak of Plattsmouth has been commissioned second lieutenant . . . Miss Anne Hassler suffered a broken arm in a fall down her basement stairs . . . Mrs. Avis Shellenbarger has been installed as president of the Methodist Women's Society of Christian Service. Mrs. J. Howard Davis is vice president.

20 YEARS AGO

William Baird has been elected president of the Plattsmouth Chamber of Commerce. Other officers are Searl S. Davis, vice president; Fred I. Rea, treasurer . . . Mrs. A. H. Duxbury has been installed as Worthy Matron of Home Chapter No. 189, Order of Eastern Star. Worthy Patron is H. L. Gayer. Associate Matron and Patron are Mrs. H. F. Nolting and Lester Meisinger . . . J. Howard Davis has been elected Sunday school superintendent of the Methodist church. Mrs. V. T. Arn heads the junior department . . . Miss Doris Peterson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Peterson, is the bride of Roy F. Turner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Turner . . . E. B. Chapman of Union has been named chairman of the Cass county board of commissioners. Fred G. Gorder of Weeping Water is vice chairman. Julius A. Pitz is the other member of the board.

slightly larger number, 38,000,000, go to church periodically.

The survey showed that although only about one-third of the population goes to church regularly, ninety-nine per cent believe in God. It is interesting to note that of the 35,000,000 Americans who never go to church, many nevertheless identify themselves as either Protestants or Catholics, or members of various denominations.

The survey indicates the attitude of many Americans toward the church is a casual one. Nevertheless, the fact that ninety-nine per cent of the population believes in God is a strong indication that the United States is a bulwark of Christianity. Even so, it is a bit surprising that so many Americans never go to church and this fact is a challenge to all churches in this great country.

The Washington Merry-Go-Round

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DREW PEARSON SAYS: FAMOUS SOVIET SPY ENTICED SCIENTIST AND BRITISH DIPLOMATS BEHIND IRON CURTAIN; ROOTIN'-TOOTIN' RANKIN TAKES RIBBIN'; NEW IDAHO CONGRESSWOMAN IS RUGGED CAMPAIGNER.

WASHINGTON — Italian and Allied authorities now believe they have pieced together part of the amazing facts by which Soviet agents enticed the nuclear physicist Bruno Pontecorvo behind the Iron Curtain, inveigled the two British diplomats, Guy Burgess and Donald MacLean,

Ticklers

By George



away from London, and kidnapped Noel Field, the former state department employee.

All these weird incidents, they believe, go back to one man—the top Soviet agent in Western Europe. His best-known name is H. Karl, though he has many assumed names, travels alternately on four different passports, speaks six languages, and is the most accomplished spy in Europe today.

Karl is supposed to have been born in Austria, and began his espionage work with the Nazis. He worked with Admiral Canaris' Nazi spy group in the Middle East and is reported to have been the man who planted the Albanian valet on the British ambassador in Istanbul, thereby permitting Hitler to obtain the British secret code and some of the Allies' top war secrets.

Early in 1944, Karl was either captured by the Russians or decided to switch his allegiance. At any rate he has been one of Russia's top agents ever since.

Karl was in Prague when Noel Field was kidnapped and also was believed to have been instrumental in enticing other members of the Field family behind the Iron Curtain on the guise of rescuing him.

Pontecorvo's Escape
Allied authorities give Karl almost sole credit for the amazing job of sneaking the British scientist, Pontecorvo, with his precious secrets of the hydrogen bomb, out of England and behind the Iron Curtain. They believe Karl had earlier contacts with Pontecorvo in England, then arranged to meet him when the scientist went to Milan, Italy, on vacation.

From there, Pontecorvo and his entire family flew to Stockholm, then to Helsinki, where a Red army plane was waiting to take them to Russia.

Unlike the two British diplomats who left their families behind, and Field, whose family had to be enticed behind the Iron Curtain after he was kidnapped, Pontecorvo took his with him. Thus it appeared that he took the trip deliberately and with the idea of financial reward in Russia. He could have appealed to the Italian police in Milan had he not wanted to leave.

British diplomats Burgess and MacLean are believed to have been lured to a point near Udine, Italy, through a combination of blackmail and bribery. Their known perversion background lent itself to this. From Udine they are reported to have been flown in a private pilot without customs clearances, to Red territory in Austria.

Karl, the Soviet master-mind behind most of these abductions, is described as 50 years old, 5 feet 9 inches tall; weighing 170 pounds; fat; balding gray hair at temples; yellowish complexion; blue-gray eyes with tendency to squint; split-lip mouth, thin lips, rounding chin; uses pince-nez or heavy tortoise-shell glasses to vary his appearance.

His chief identifying mark is a drooping underlip from an old scar, which is partly obscured by a full blonde-gray mustache. **Rootin'-Tootin' Rankin**
Ohio's fat, jolly congressman Clarence Brown, Republican, was plodding down a Capitol corridor the other day, when he spotted Mississippi's forlorn lame-legged Congressman John Rankin.

Rankin, one of the worst rambler-routers in congress, was long famous for his attacks on minority groups, especially the Jews. He even dug up a West Point yearbook from which he denounced that Eisenhower was Jewish.

Now that he is defeated, Rankin is so loath to leave congress that he has delayed packing, says he can't leave his office until February. Knowing this background, Brown spoke soothingly to the Mississippian.

"We're going to remember our Republican friends in the South when it comes to handing out the jobs," said Brown with a perfect straight face. "In fact, I've been asked to recommend some good southerners for jobs and your name is on the list."

"I'm recommending you to be ambassador to Israel."

Washington will have three senate offices on Capitol Hill until January 20. Senator Nixon will be allowed to keep his office, though he has no official status until he is sworn in as vice presi-

dent two weeks hence . . . There will be a drive to drastically modify the Sherman anti-trust act as a result of the anti-trust crackdown on the Kansas City Star . . . Joseph Fluet of Boston is slated to be an Eisenhower appointee to the Civil Aeronautics Board. He is the CAB's chief accident investigator at Iriewild, N. Y., a good man for the job . . . President Truman's first order of business after he leaves the White House is to sift through his vast stack of records and start writing his memoirs. He has told friends he'll do nothing "political" for at least six months after leaving Washington . . . Despite industry pressure OPS will not remove ceiling prices on furniture or children's clothing . . . OPS Boss Joe Ewell has caught pneumonia on Friday and insisted on going to work the following day . . . New House Speaker Joe Martin is being deluged with requests from Republican congressmen who want to get a seat on the anti-American activities committee . . . they want to get into the senate via sensational investigations, a la Nixon . . . When Senator McCarran was on the witness stand under oath in the Las Vegas Sun pretrial, he was as nervous as a bride . . . Senator Taft's friends say that the senator's great ambition in life these days is to be appointed chief justice of the supreme court in the footsteps of his distinguished father.

Lady From Idaho

Politics and backseat driving don't mix. Gracie Pfoest learned in the recent campaign, when she became the first woman in history to be elected to congress from Idaho—also one of the few Democrats in the nation to unseat a GOP incumbent, veteran John Wood.

Campaigning is often rough work in the wide open spaces of Idaho, and experts of both parties didn't think a woman could do it. But Mrs. Pfoest foiled 'em. She got around partly by plane, but mostly by auto, with her husband, Jack Pfoest, a retired engineer, at the wheel.

"Jack had no backseat driving problems with me because I was too busy writing speeches on a portable typewriter, bouncing around on my knees," says the vivacious, auburn-haired lady. "Jack was a big help. He yelled back ideas from the front seat."

Mrs. Pfoest won a nip-and-tuck contest that hinged chiefly on Wood's nationalistic voting record and his opposition to the Hell's Canyon multipurpose power project in Idaho, which the young congresswoman strongly favors.

Contrary to the prerogative of her sex, Mrs. Pfoest (she pronounces it like Post) doesn't quibble about her age. She is 46, admits it, but looks younger. She thought her campaign was best summed up by a toastmaster at the Democratic rally, who said: "We are replacing old Wood with a new Pfoest."

\$500,000 FOR LEG

Chicago, Ill. — Charging that when he went to a hospital to have a gangrenous leg amputated, surgeons removed the wrong limb, Gust Tews has filed suit for \$500,000 damages against the Evangelical Hospital Association. His wife, Olga, 38, asked \$150,000 damages in a separate suit.

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BIRTH

Word has been received of the birth of a 9 lb. 1/2 oz. son to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Graham at Lincoln General hospital on January 1, 1953. This is their third son. Mrs. Graham was the former Miss Marjorie Remenga and had lived in the South Ashland vicinity before and after her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Graham now live near Lincoln on rural route three. Mrs. Remenga, of near Adams, is staying at the Graham home at present.

— South Ashland —
Pvt. and Mrs. Dick Buckmaster of Long Branch, N. J., were Tuesday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Lemon and sons.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Peterson were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Maack and family and Mr. and Mrs. John Maack Sunday evening. The occasion was Mr. Peterson's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kellogg and family were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Richard Weiler and Kenny at Alvo.

Mr. and Mrs. George Gade visited at the Clifford Larson home in Omaha Sunday afternoon. Also with Mr. Gade's uncle, Ed Willits in Omaha.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Bachman, Mrs. Emma Jones and Wayne Bachman went to Glenwood, Ia., Sunday and visited with Mr. Bachman's mother, Mrs. Jennie Bachman.

BIRTH

Mr. and Mrs. George Borman Jr., are the parents of a son, weighing 6 lbs. 5 1/2 oz. that was born to them January 3, 1953 at St. Elizabeth hospital in Lincoln. Mr. and Mrs. Borman have an older daughter and son.

George Borman Injured by Car

George Borman Jr., spent Sunday night and a part of Monday in St. Elizabeth hospital in Lincoln, being treated for minor injuries he received Sunday evening when he was struck down by a car as he was crossing the street in Lincoln. Mr. Borman returned home Monday evening. He and his two older children are with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Borman, Sr.

Monday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Bachman were Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Ribberger of Montone, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Hendrix and Wayne Bachman.

Lt. and Mrs. Gene Grimm, Melody and Marilee, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Wiles Mr. and Mrs. Eli Gaudreault, Mrs. Rose Wagner and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Thomson were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Whitacre at an oyster supper Tuesday evening. But child attended the funeral of Mrs. C. C. Holling at Ekhorn Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Earl and family of Wabash were Saturday dinner guests of Mrs. Earl's sister, Mrs. Clinton Jones, Mr. Jones and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Zeorian and daughter of Louisville were Saturday supper and evening guests at the home of their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Zeorian and son.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Schoelting, Jr., of Papillion were Saturday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Long and family. Mr. Long's grandfather, H. P. Long, of South Bend was a Sunday dinner guest at the Sam Log home.

Mr. and Mrs. Benett Borman and daughters went to Omaha Saturday evening and visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Mumm, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Ranslem were also guests there.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Luehr of Lincoln, Mr. and Mrs. George Bachman and family spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Gustave Wotzel, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wotzel and Joe were evening visitors.

Honor Mother On Birthday

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Bachman entertained at a birthday supper Tuesday evening honoring Mr. Bachman's mother, Mrs. J. Walrodt. Other guests were Mr. Walrodt, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Marloff and Wayne Bachman.

Mrs. Miss Montgomery of Buffalo, Wyo., and Mrs. Ed Hotz called on Mrs. Roy Stock Wednesday afternoon.

— South Ashland —
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Buell and Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Hausman and Mrs. Bert Allen of Waverly and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Jenkins of Lincoln were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Buell and Raymond, Harry Schliedewind and Nancy of Omaha were afternoon callers at the Buell home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Grebe of Lincoln spent the week end at the Ray Bower home. Mr. and Mrs. Guy Sweeney of Waverly were additional Sunday afternoon visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Keller spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. George Borman. They also called on Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Sowards.

Mr. and Mrs. Eli Gaudreault, Marilyn Jo Cox and Dixie Beck were Sunday afternoon and evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Wiles and Terry.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Hauschild, Kenneth and Billy were Sunday

Olsen & Johnson — Skating Vanities First Appearance in Omaha



Glamorous Peggy Wallace . . . as she appears in the spectacular Latin production, "Bolero."

In line with its long established tradition of presenting the very best in entertainment, the Omaha Coliseum Corp. has scheduled the newest type show, "Olsen and Johnson—Skating Vanities" for January 13th through January 18th at Ak-Sar-Ben Coliseum.

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The world's zaniest comedians, Ole Olsen and Chic Johnson, have combined their entire mirth-quaking company with Skating Vanities to guarantee you two and a half hours of uproarious laughter skillfully paced with nine gorgeous skating production numbers. Olsen and Johnson will chase the blues away with the wackiest, most hilarious comedy ever seen, while Skating Vanities will woo away your cares with the grace, speed, elegance, skill and music of the world's finest skating production. Skating Vanities and Olsen and Johnson have pooled their amazing talents and unlimited theatrical knowledge to offer this superlative, diversified entertainment. There

are 200 people in the combined companies, creating a show replete with marvelous skating, gorgeous costumes, spectacular lighting, beautiful music, wonderful production and spine-tingling comedy.

Two Matinees

"Olsen and Johnson — Skating Vanities" will play at Ak-Sar-Ben Coliseum, Omaha, Tuesday, January 13th through Sunday, January 18th. Performances are nightly at 8:30 with a matinee Sunday, January 18th at 2:15. Prices are: Rinkside seats and box seats, \$3.50; reserved seats, \$2.50 and \$1.50. All prices include federal tax.

Mail orders for tickets should be addressed to the Omaha Coliseum Corp., Box 7, Elmwood Station, Omaha. Include check or money order, made payable to Omaha Coliseum Corp., and a self-addressed return envelope. The performance, number and price of tickets desired should be clearly stated. Order your tickets now!

Wedding, Birthday Are Celebrated

A wedding anniversary and a birthday was celebrated on New Year's day at the Myron Laughlin home. Mrs. Laughlin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Johnson, of Albert City, Ia., observed their 38th anniversary and Dany Laughlin his 10th birthday. Additional guests were Mr. and Mrs. Porter Sellin and family and Mrs. W. M. Boothe of Omaha and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Laughlin.

Elmer Remenga of Purdue University, West Lafayette, Ind., and formerly of South Ashland, spent his holiday vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Remenga, near Adams.

Entertain on New Year's Eve

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Bachman entertained Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bricker, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Scott and Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Raasch at their home New Year's eve. Their dinner guests the next day were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Nitz, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Graham and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Mansfield. The group enjoyed watching the rose parade on TV that afternoon.

New Year's eve guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Deal and Gary were Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Meadows and family of Welsboro, Pa., Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Hauschild and family. The evening was spent playing pinochle. Later a lunch was served.

Grand Island Man To Head Boy Scout Fund Raising Drive

R. E. Speltz, Jr., Grand Island, has accepted the assignment of campaign director for the annual "Friends of Scout" campaign, Cornhusker Council, Boy Scouts of America, according to an announcement made by W. Fraser, Council President, Lincoln.

The campaign for 1953 will be conducted in more than 110 communities throughout the 54 counties of the Cornhusker Council, exclusive of Community Chest towns, in order to raise \$50,000.00 toward the 1953 Council budget of \$112,000.00.

Test Your Intelligence

Score yourself 10 points for each correct answer in the first six questions.

1. Find the word below which does not match the other three.
—Hour —Day —Minute —Wristwatch
2. Which country was the first to use gunpowder?
—Russia —Holland —China —India
3. Which of the following documents is credited with being the foundation document of Great Britain's democratic government?
—The Stamp Act —The Corn Laws —The Magna Carta —The Exclusion Act.
4. The smallest state in the United States is listed below. Can you find it?
—Delaware —Vermont —Rhode Island —Long Island
5. If a tie vote occurs in the Senate, who is permitted to cast his vote and break the tie?
—The President —Chief Justice of the Supreme Court —The Vice President —The Secretary of State
6. Puppets are operated by inserting the hands inside the doll.
—Marionettes are operated with —Magnets —Weights —Strings —Levers
7. Match the following national symbols to their particular countries. Score yourself 10 points for each correct choice.
(A) Bear —France
(B) John Bull —America
(C) Uncle Sam —England
(D) Cockaded hat —Russia

Total your points. A score of 0-20 is poor; 30-60, average; 70-80, superior; 90-100, very superior.

ANSWERS TO INTELLIGENCE TEST

1—Wristwatch. 2—China. 3—The Magna Carta. 4—Rhode Island. 5—The Vice President. 6—Strings. 7—(A) Russia, (B) France, (C) America, (D) England.