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"TOO DUMB TO STAY ALIVE"

By CHARLES V. STANTON

We have a letter today from Major Garry J. Anloff, adjutant general's department, U. S. Army, clarifying a statement made recently before the Roseburg Kiwanis club. Because the statement was misinterpreted, the major was subjected to local criticism.

Resentment was aroused when the Major made the assertion that certain types of soldiers were "too dumb to stay alive." He was referring to illiterates and low mentality groups, which, he explained, accounted for a large percentage of war casualties and proved exceedingly expensive to the nation because of their dependencies.

Hasty readers failed to interpret his remarks properly, as they appeared in print, and became resentful.

The association of Gold Star Mothers contacted the Major for clarification, and he appeared before them last week to amplify his statement.

The basis of his presentation is interesting and might well be titled, "The Cost of Illiteracy," a cost involving many lives and millions of dollars.

At our request, Major Anloff prepared a letter explaining in more detail his previous statement.

He says:

Some confusion exists because of a partial quote from a speech made by me at the Kiwanis club meeting on October 25. I am sure that you would wish to clarify the matter so that all your readers may know the full facts.

The matter under discussion was the cost to the nation of using the poorer educated men as soldiers in time of war. I had made the statement that the lower quarter, based on educational development, of all men in the Army, had a casualty rate of almost twice that of any other quarter; that they were slower to train, were frequently in trouble with the police, and that in combat they exposed their officers to a higher risk with attendant higher casualty rate.

It appears then that this group, from a military standpoint, is not only too dumb to stay alive but that they cause the deaths of more intelligent men who serve with them. The major cost lies in the fact that the lower quarter has a dependency ratio above any other group. This means that the taxpayer is burdened with the pension payments to widows and orphans for a long period of time.

This may seem startling to the people of this locality, primarily because each of us feels that he is perhaps just one step above the average. Each one of us knows people who have been more successful, some that have been less successful, than we have. The truth is, that with the extensive high educational standards in the Pacific Northwest very few of the people of this area are AT the national average, much less BELOW it.

This is borne out by the records made by military personnel from this area. The latest figures on such a matter came from the WAC and WAF in reports for the first year's operation. This area has produced the highest type of recruit. Our women have gone to Officer Candidate School and become officers. At Camp Lee, Virginia, alone, ten of our women have been "Top Graduate" from the various specialists schools. No recruit from this district has failed to complete her course with flying colors. We believe that ONLY this district can say as much.

Today your Army and Air Force feels that they have a two-fold task, first to train the future officers and non-commissioned officers for emergency, and second, to do all in our power to train our young people to be better citizens; more productive, more conscious of the true meaning of discipline, the sanctity of the family, and of the manifold benefits of religious freedom.

To do this we give our soldiers, airmen and women technical training far above that required in a small peacetime force. We are training them for a fuller, happier, more active life after they return to their homes.

This is not all cost. It is an investment in the future of this nation. It is for this reason that the services offer such outstanding opportunities to the better educated youth of today.

We believe no one can quarrel with Major Anloff's analysis. We all know that the individual lacking intelligence or education is definitely handicapped and often imperils others. Education can be obtained if intelligence is normal, but sub-normal intelligence brings about the hazard both to the individual and his associates which Major Anloff explains. A study of accident statistics in industry will furnish additional proof.

Panhandler Repays Gift With Tip On Homicide

VANCOUVER, Wash. (AP)—First word of the slaying came from Virgil H. Heise, 61, who was picked up at Portland when he asked Police Lt. Don McNamara for a dime for a cup of coffee. Heise then said he had witnessed a slaying at Wishram last week and had seen the slayer in Portland Tuesday.

Portland police checked his report and learned that a body had been found near Wishram. The bundle of luggage is the first possible clue to the victim's identity.

Tommy Manville's Ad Stops Tapping Of His Phone

NEW YORK (AP)—Tommy Manville, the marrying millionairess from New Rochelle, N. Y., bought a full-page advertisement in the New York Herald Tribune offering "\$5,000 reward to any one who can prove that my telephone is tapped."

Asked for comment on what was cooking, Manville explained: "I don't know who is tapping them, but I haven't been able to use my phone here at home." "I asked the phone company to clear the lines, and they had repair men here several times." "The president and vice-president of the company came, No-1

DRIVER EXAMS DATED

A driver's license examiner will be on duty in Roseburg Thursday, Nov. 10 at the City Hall between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., according to an announcement received from the secretary of state's office.

"What's Cookin'?"



I SAW

By Paul Jenkins



MRS. A. R. DOTSON who with her husband, AL DOTSON, operates the Myrtlewood Treasure House and Malt Shop at Winston, as she studied a salad fork and spoon made from myrtle wood. The shelves, stands and counter, as you may see, are loaded with the myrtle wood craftsman's art.

This art embraces the manufacture of 1001 gimcracks and doodadles, which someone always seems ready to buy at a fancy figure; as well as a wide range of useful and artistically satisfying objects which would grace any home.

The craftsmanship displayed in the fashioning of these articles is as far removed from that found during the early days of the myrtle wood novelty trade (not so far back at that) as the chipped flint arrows and laboriously ground mortars and pestles of the early American Indian are to the arms and mills manufactured today, which have superseded them.

The Dotson's attention is distributed as custom dictates between sales of the myrtle wood treasures at one end of their attractive salesroom and hamburgers and malted milk at the other.



By Vianett S. Martin

The toddler was quite used to finding himself high above Daddy's head, and finding himself in Daddy's arms when he "jumped." So when he looked down upon his father from the thrilling height of the top of the cedar stairs, he simply reacted as usual. The father, busy in the basement, never knew how he did it. But when he glanced up, heard the "jump!" and saw a baby take off into space, he somehow got his own body flung under and a hand, reaching, grabbed the small form.

I was reminded of that when I read the first paragraph of Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur's article on My Faith, the fourteenth in the collection of articles The Faith of Great Scientists, published by The American Weekly (63 Vesey St., N. Y. 7. Price 25c). I quote: "Faith is a form of confidence that can be illustrated by the little child who stands on the edge of a dark cellar and hears her father call, 'Jump! I'll catch you!' and she jumps."

COSTLY HAIRCUT

TACOMA, (AP)—Alfred Strankman can't complain too loudly about the high price of haircuts anymore. He got paid \$100 for his.

Strankman was awarded \$100 by Justice of the Peace Charles Westcott as damages from Wayne and Phillip Stecker—both strictly amateur tonsorial artists. The Steckers admitted they gave a somewhat irregular shear-

ing to Strankman this week to punish him "for carrying tales to their landlady." The state got \$2.50 out of the haircut, too—in court costs.

Fish can fast for long periods and should not be fed on journeys taking less than four or five days. More than 39,000 wells are drilled in a year by the U. S. oil industry.

In the Day's News

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play without a worry in the world to bother you.

It was wonderful.

BUT he didn't overdo it. Considering his purpose, it could have been SPOILED if he had left us with the impression that all these lovely things will fall into our laps without effort on our part.

We must help, he said.

We must vote right.

We must vote the Democratic ticket.

IN a play such as his, the villain must always be kept handy in the wings. The all-important moral of the play is that if we don't live right the villain will GET US.

The villain in this case is the Republican party. The way to live right is never to vote for a Republican.

In such a piece, the villain is always important.

COME to think of it, the President was taking no chances. He put in TWO VILLAINS—the Republican party on the one side and the communists on the other. But he assured us that we have nothing to fear. He and his Fair Dealers, he said, will steer a course that will hoist these twin villains on their own petards.

YOU can't beat that kind of program. Its basic appeal is the promise of a SHORT CUT to wealth and happiness. It grants that IN THE PAST nobody has ever been able to deliver wealth and happiness for everybody without work but tells us that is because NOBODY YET HAS EVER KNOWN THE SHORT CUT.

"We know it," the President told us in St. Paul. "Just keep these wicked Republicans (and communists) off our necks and we'll lead you to it."

HIS purpose? Oh yes, I was going to get around to that, wasn't I?

HIS PURPOSE IS TO KEEP HIS PARTY IN POWER NOW AND THROUGHOUT THE INDEFINITE FUTURE.

THAT is the purpose of all politicians. It has been the purpose of all politicians throughout history. It was the purpose of the politicians who told the Greeks and the Romans the same things centuries ago. It is the purpose of the British politicians who are telling the British the same things now.

WILL President Truman and his advisers get away with it now?

I think they will—at least for a long time.

The reaction of the crowd in St. Paul left little doubt of that. It LOVED what the little man was dishing out. It howled and stamped and yelled its approval. (Just as the Greeks and the Romans did 20 centuries ago when told the same things.)

BESIDES, the Democrats have a program.

The best the Republicans can do is to mutter in their beards

Eight Years Of Volunteer Service Completed By The Douglas Sheriff's Reserve

The sheriff's reserve, with a membership roster numbering 38, has just completed eight years of volunteer service in this community. Organized in October of 1941 as a civilian defense group by Cliff Thornton, the reserve has continuously been on call when the need has arisen.

Not only have they assisted with traffic and policing at public events such as rodeos, football and basketball games in Roseburg but they have helped with parades and public affairs in Drain and Sutherlin. Recently they cooperated on road blocks with the sheriff and state police office, when six prisoners escaped from the county jail.

Alvin Knudsen served as first captain of the reserve followed by G. R. Chapman, who was commander for a period of four years. At present George Caskey heads the reserve.

December 7, 1941 the country was shocked to war by bombardment of Pearl Harbor. Members of the reserve immediately took up guard at the armory, radio station, Southern Pacific freight and passenger depots, telephone office and all railroad and highway bridges of importance.

The reserve serves all high school functions as traffic directors and policing and do similar work for circuses, carnivals, parades and rodeos.

Spokesman for the reserve, O. L. Johnson stated that at no time have members of the reserve received individual pay for their services. Their time is completely volunteer and the men furnish their own equipment from guns to clothing.

Johnson said when carnivals and circus outfits need their services that payment goes into the company treasury for use as membership fees fit.

Two social functions are scheduled during the year, one for the members and their ladies and the other a Christmas stag. At the latter the state police, city police and sheriff's office are invited.

The picture appearing here was taken for the International Police Officers magazine. The sheriff's reserve is now serving under Sheriff Bud Carter.

U. S. Observing Education Week

By GEORGE ERICKSON

Principal Senior High

American Education week is

being observed by the educators

and citizens of the U.S.A. from

Nov. 6 through 12. Roseburg,

along with the other cities of the

nation, is giving serious thought

to its school system and the educational opportunities offered

here.

Crowded teaching conditions

which exist in all of our schools

and the difficulty of providing

necessary educational experi-

ences for the boys and girls of

Roseburg has been a major prob-

lem. It has been, and is, a prob-

lem which the people of this com-

munity are accepting and attack-

ing. A bond issue was voted last

spring to provide funds to expand

and improve the school facilities,

and thus improve the educational

opportunities for students of

Roseburg.

Graduates of Roseburg schools

have had the opportunity to pre-

pare themselves for profitable

employment and higher educa-

tion. Today, increased emphasis

is being placed on the maximum

development of each individual

and groups of individuals work-

ing together.

Students are encouraged to

share experiences which contrib-

ute to an improvement of all hu-

man relationships in the home,

on the job, in business, and in

all phases of social and economic

life. This type of development is

the basis of education for a dem-

ocratic way of life. It is prompt-

ed by a desire to promote the

common good as a means of

making life more significant and

satisfying to all.

Educational opportunities are

constantly changing and improv-

ing. Citizens of Roseburg, through

a cooperative education

program, can take great pride

in the continued improvement in

the development of the commu-

nity's greatest asset—its chil-

dren. Education is the hope of

the youth; youth is the hope of

this nation, and this nation is the

hope of the world.

Great Virgil Mystery

Show Is Booked Here

The Great Virgil and his big

wonder show is being brought to

Roseburg by the Active club and

will be presented at the junior

high auditorium Thursday, Nov.

17, at 8 p. m.

The show is headed by the pre-

mier international illusionist,

The Great Virgil, and his com-

pany of wonder workers featur-

ing Julie, the sweetheart of the

home. The Great Virgil's present

program runs the gamut from

sleight-of-hand to spectacular il-

lusions requiring the assistance

of his entire company.

The Great Virgil has devoted a

lifetime to developing this mys-

tery extravaganza, and this season's

show reaches heights of perfec-

tion never before obtained. The

audience will behold such breath-

taking spectacles as "Sawing a

man in half," "The Great Chi-

nese Torture Mystery," "A Night

in the Palace at Peking," "The

Miraculous Houdini Trunk Mys-

tery," and countless other sensa-

tional mysteries.

At a recent record-breaking en-

gagement at the Wilshire Ebell

theatre in Los Angeles, The Great

Virgil was loudly heralded by

movie stars, the public, and the

press.

Lower Umpqua School Buses Being Inspected

An inspection of school buses in the Reedsport, Gardiner and Ada sections was scheduled for today and possibly continuing Tuesday by representatives from the secretary of state's office, according to County School Superintendent Kenneth Barnum.

Recent bus inspections in other parts of the county revealed a number of defects, some of them minor, but others of major importance, he said.

Several of the buses were without the new signal arm, which has been rather difficult to obtain, he said. Other defects included such items as: defective muffler, defective tail pipe, no outdoor handles, windows needing to be replaced, no defroster fan, no emergency door, clearance lights out, defective hydraulic brakes, no turn signal device, and no stop lights.

Scientists have estimated that in six months the progeny of a single pair of houseflies could exceed 100 quintillion.

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FRIDAY NIGHT AT WARDS

Now you know!

The answers to everyday insurance problems

By KEN BAILEY

QUESTION: I've been intend-

ing for some time to take out

insurance on the plate glass

windows in my store. However,

I've just decided to do some

remodeling of my store front

and wonder if the plate glass

insurance covers breakage by

workmen on the job.

ANSWER: Yes, your plate

glass insurance policy will pay

you for any damage caused to

the windows by workmen doing

alterations.

★ If you'll answer your own in-

surance questions to this office, we'll

try to give you the correct answer

and there will be no charge or obli-

gation of any kind.

KEN BAILEY

INSURANCE AGENCY

315 Pacific Bldg. Phone 398

Safe Deposit Boxes

Night Depository Service

The best protection costs you no more in the long run. See us today for details on these modern banking services.

Douglas County State Bank

Member Fed. Dep. Ins. Corp.