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RESPECT FOR TRADITION

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Captain Kurt Carlsen is being given a hero's welcome. His heroic epic as skipper of the Flying Enterprise aroused sympathetic interest throughout the world. People everywhere "sweated out" the intrepid skipper's experience and gloried in his heroism.

Why should his exploit be so widely hailed? Looking at the incident candidly, was he not somewhat foolish to risk his life aboard a wallowing ship constantly in danger of capsizing and carrying him to his death? His cargo was insured. The vessel was a total loss. He could not have deserved censure had he abandoned the ship. Yet he elected to remain to the last in an effort to prevent his ship and cargo from becoming salvage under technicalities of maritime law.

The public's approval was not aroused by the fact that Captain Carlsen was a loyal employee, guarding the interests of his employers. The public gloried in his exploit because he demonstrated to the highest degree the tradition of the sea that a captain should not leave his disabled ship while it remains afloat.

Maritime history records hundreds of similar cases. Many captains have refused rescue and died with their commands. That is carrying heroics too far, in our opinion. Captain Carlsen, however, exemplified the tradition to the last and in so doing won fame and respect—a respect heightened by his refusal to exploit his position for personal gain.

Tradition Still Popular

There is a lesson in this thrilling adventure, we believe. We have seen tradition flaunted in many ways in recent years. Some of our political leaders have ridiculed tradition. Our freedoms, constitutional government, public morals and official integrity have been violated and ridiculed. Some writers today disparage tradition and convention. We are told that many of our tenets are outmoded—relics of horse-and-buggy days.

But the public response to Captain Carlsen's exploit furnishes proof that respect for tradition still lives; that people still honor customs, mores and conventions ingrained through years of conformance. Perhaps those who treat these traditions so lightly may find that their theories, fascinating to some at first glance, will not bear the test of time.

Tradition is based on experience. Some are centuries old. Perhaps there is room for cynicism in analyzing their merit. Perhaps we can point to foolish heroism. Perhaps some are outmoded. But mankind clings to them. He finds in them something solid—something that reaches above the pure physical and material level. Tradition becomes a spiritual anchor. Thus we find inspiration in Captain Carlsen's devotion to what he regarded as his bounden duty.

Newspaper Tradition Involved

The Carlsen epic gained much of its interest from the fact that it was so dramatically reported. The reporting of the story of the Flying Enterprise and its gallant skipper involves another tradition—a newspaper tradition that the story must be reported at all costs. The public has heard virtually nothing of the reporting angle which made the story available.

From an Associated Press bulletin we learn that two AP newsmen and an AP photographer were the only reporters on the spot when the Enterprise went down. When word of the vessel's predicament was received, the London Bureau of The Associated Press chartered a tug to carry reporters to the scene. It will be remembered that the Atlantic Ocean was being lashed at the time by one of the worst storms of recent history. Yet the reporters braved the storm and possible death as they steamed to the side of the crippled vessel and by radiophone reported the blow-by-blow battle between the staggering ship and the relentless sea. Reporters Leonard Leddington and Alvin Steinkopf watched the sinking. "They related their impressions exactly as they registered. It was not a polished story. It was stark, vivid, realistic drama," reports the AP bulletin.

"Meanwhile Dennis Royle, AP photographer, was struggling about the wave-swept decks of the tug, shooting pictures from whatever precarious position he could attain. The pictures were speeded to the world via a Wirephoto station at Falmouth. Chartered airplanes also had carried photographers over the Enterprise whenever flying was possible throughout the week."

"In addition to sending the tug to sea," the bulletin further reports, "AP staffed Falmouth with news, photo and traffic personnel, enlisted the aid of radio hams, and tapped every possible source of information in Britain, France and other countries. The London staff worked without letup to obtain and piece information together, hammer out leads, and keep the story moving."

Thus we have observance of one tradition making it possible for us to experience suspense, thrill, inspiration and sympathy as a brave man obeyed the mandates of another tradition, thereby gaining the respect of millions of people throughout the world.

Dairy Products' Prices To Rise, Assn. Head Hints

GEARHART — A hint of higher prices to come for dairy products was dropped here Monday by President Fred M. Knox of the Oregon Dairymen Association. Knox, a Gaston, Ore., dairyman, told the opening session of the association's annual convention that costs still were increasing in the dairy business. In large part these costs stem from public demand for better sanitation, improved barns and equipment, he said. "If the public is going to continue to demand these things, they are going to have to accept higher dairy prices," he asserted, adding costs still were going up with labor particularly hard to find.

"A recent Oregon State College study shows that the average dairy farmer receives only one-half to one-third the hourly pay of industrial workers, besides putting up with harder conditions and longer hours. . . Our ratio of costs to income is much higher than almost any other industry," he said.

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Fulton Lewis Jr. WASHINGTON REPORT

WASHINGTON — Drum beaters for Senator Estes Kefauver, of Tennessee, who have indirectly tossed his coonskin cap into the Democratic presidential ring, are having a rough time stirring up enthusiasm in the senator's home state.

Reps from Tennessee on three well publicized rallies—in Nashville, Memphis and Chattanooga—say fewer than 1,000 in-

Church Of Christ, Scientist, Dates Lecturer Here



FRANK T. HORD, C. S. Louisville, Kentucky

How an understanding of God heals discord will be the topic of a Christian Science lecture to be given January 20th by Frank T. Hord of Louisville, Kentucky, it was announced today by First Church of Christ, Scientist, Roseburg.

A former Army combat chaplain, Mr. Hord will speak in Junior High School auditorium at 3:00 p.m. The lecture is open to the public without charge. Mr. Hord's subject will be "Christian Science: The Science of Mind-Healing."

Mr. Hord served 46 months in the United States and in the European theater of operations during World War II as a Christian Science chaplain. He was with combat troops throughout the war, and served in the Antwerp area during the five-months' buzz-bomb siege of that important supply base on the Belgian coast. Prior to entering the public practice of Christian Science healing, Mr. Hord was active in sales engineering, and as founder and head of a travel agency. He is currently on extended tour as a member of The Christian Science Board of Lecturership.

Excess Prices Asked Stopped

WASHINGTON — The government is asking the federal courts to halt eight firms in the Far West and Midwest from buying cattle at prices above legal ceilings.

The Office of Price Stabilization estimated the alleged overpayments totalled about one million dollars in seven cities over a 60-day period last fall. The Cudahy Packing Co., one of the nation's big four meat packers, was named in five actions for alleged over-purchases totaling \$300,000.

The meat firms are accused of violating the OPS regulation which permits slaughterers to pay above ceiling prices for individual cattle provided they buy other cattle at below ceilings to make up the difference.

At Omaha, Neb., Cudahy President F. W. Hoffman said his company could not comply with ceilings "at every plant for each month." Stumbling blocks, he said, are complex OPS rules and occasional errors in pre-slaughtering estimates of weights and grades.

In addition to Cudahy, other firms named included State Packing Co., Los Angeles; Bridgford Packing Co., Anaheim, Calif.

Formal Youth Banquet In N. Roseburg Tonight

The North Roseburg Church formal youth banquet will be held tonight at the church. The hall is decorated in a "Winter wonderland" motif with snow, stars and forest scenes. Reservations are limited to 65. A ham dinner will be served. Youths between 12 and 24 interested in attending may contact the Rev. Clark Robb at the church, or phone 3-5234.

DIVINE HEALING CONTINUES!

at Assembly of God Church, 948 West First Street with Evangelist Wilbur A. Henry
 WATCH FOR TOMORROW'S ANNOUNCEMENT.
 CAPACITY CROWDS—COME EARLY FOR A SEAT!

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

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and everyone was wearing all the clothes he could pile on. . . . The 27 passengers who suffered nausea and diarrhea from backed-up butane fumes were getting along well in their more comfortable quarters aboard the roomette car."

Rugged? It certainly is—as we of the comfortable, well-ordered, abundant-in-material-things modern world know ruggedness.

This present-day luxury streamliner is stalled at the summit of Donner pass, at or very near the spot where the ill-fated Donner party finally bogged down in the snow after going as far as they could go.

Privation? We call it that—in these days. But there is FOOD on the train—cold, to be sure, but even cold food will sustain life. And more is on the way. Behind powerful engines equipped with rotary snowplows, with a good road bed under their wheels.

Modern communications carried word of the stalled train's plight almost instantaneously, and help was started out without delay.

The Donner party bogged down in holes in the snow reached by tunnels startlingly like that which Art Hoppe describes. They bundled themselves in all the clothes they had. They ate their remaining an-

imals—as long as the animals lasted.

Then—When every other scrap of food was gone, SOME OF THEM ATE SOME OF THE BODIES OF THEIR OWN DEAD. It was just that stark and grim back in those days.

Word got across the Sierra to the settlements in California. NOT by radio or by wire. By men on foot. Men of the party who retained the strength to travel. When help eventually got back, it was the rescuers who were sickened—and not by the fumes of bottled gas.

They were sickened by the AWFUL sights they saw in those holes in the snow that held all that was left of the Donner party.

There were survivors—a pitiful few. Nearly all of them were got over the Sierra's summit to the warm settlements in the valleys. Some of these survivors lived to be among the ablest and most useful of early California's people. It was thus that the West was built.

There are people who tell us the early pioneers HAD IT EASY—free land, game in the hills, gold in the gulches, the life of Riley. Rats!

Tell the next person who springs that on you to go down to the city library and read up on the Donner party.

Scraps From the MENDING BASKET
 Wagnett Martin - P.O. Box 874, Drain, Or.

"The difficulty is," says Mayor Dorothy McCullough Lee, of Portland, "that you can't be a little bit illegal—any more than you can be a little bit dead. You are either law-abiding—or you aren't."

An article about Mayor Lee begins thusly in the January Ladies' Home Journal. On the opposite page is an article by Erwin D. Canham, editor of The Christian Science Monitor, and a former president of the Newspaper Editors' Association, which is really a clarion call to the woman reader to DO SOMETHING: "Women will get twice the results if they work inside—not outside—the political system," says Editor Canham, and he offers concrete suggestions on what to do and how to do it.

Mayor Lee, in a radio speech I heard some time ago, advocated the very same thing: "Begin at precinct level!" She is a perfect illustration of what a woman can do in politics when she sets her mind to it.

In the Canham article Mayor Lee is contrasted with Mrs. X, the statewide chairman of some women's organization; one work-

ing from the "inside," the other from the "outside." The writer pays hearty tribute to what women's organizations have accomplished, and names some of them: "They are performing prodigies of public betterment throughout the country. Their work is essential and it deserves the highest praise." He sketches briefly some of the named groups' accomplishments.

"All these good works should continue. But they bear somewhat the same relation to our political problems as the men's service clubs, or, perhaps, the special interest groups. They are not organic. . . ."

"One experienced politician says that if he had about twelve reasonably intelligent, disinterested and faithful women regularly attending all township meetings in his county, the whole standard of honesty, selection of candidates, voting and performance would be on an entirely higher level."

We American women are urged to begin right where we are—"at the precinct level"—to add our bit to bettering of home conditions!

Ike To Announce Political Views, Morse Believes

By MARVIN L. ARROWSMITH
 WASHINGTON — Sen. Morse R.-Ore. said Monday he believes Gen. Eisenhower's basic views on political issues will be well known in advance of the Republican presidential nominating convention in July.

"I think Eisenhower won't be operating in a vacuum between now and the convention," Morse told a reporter. "He will be making statements in broad terms on affairs generally, and I assume he will use language which will indicate his point of view."

Morse, who is backing Eisenhower for the GOP nomination, declared supporters of rival Republican presidential candidates were "talking nonsense" in any assertions that the general can't make his position clear on the issues while still in uniform as commander of the North Atlantic defense forces.

"If the convention were held next week," Morse said, "I believe Eisenhower would walk away with the nomination."

MIRACULOUS HEALING Is NOT For Today

Mr. Henry teaches that miracles are needed today to confirm the Bible — to establish, verify it. However, his recent failure to heal would indicate the Bible to be untrue or him to be a false teacher, 1 John 4:1. The truth is, John says "these things are WRITTEN that you might believe," John 20:30, 31. The message then given was confirmed and RECORDED so we can believe. A miracle today would not confirm a message written 2000 years ago.
 J. C. CLIFFORD, MINISTER, CHURCH OF CHRIST.

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