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**LETTER FROM WASHINGTON**

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Late at night one of the television stations here in Washington broadcasts film highlights of the days proceedings in the so-called Army-McCarthy hearings. We have been staying up to watch this film presentation which runs about half an hour. I thought in that way as a part of the great American "Jury". I might be able to find out what it is all about—or at least why the argument is considered so important as to warrant all of the publicity being given to it. It is a lively and interesting TV program so I keep on losing sleep watching it but I've about decided that I shall never find out why some people think it is important.

The plot of the show seems to be that one of the staff members of the McCarthy committee was drafted. He became an ordinary private in the Army. Some of the committee staff members he worked with in civilian life—and perhaps the committee chairman—thought he was made of better stuff and that his qualities should be recognized by advancement and more favorable placement in the Army. The Army heads, reasonably enough, thought otherwise and proceeded and continued to treat the young draftee just as all other young draftees are treated.

There ensued then numerous telephone calls and conversations in which the private's friends, asked, urged, insisted and demanded a better deal for him. The Army, true to its best tradition, did not yield an inch. That is the way it should be. If such "pressures" were to succeed we could not expect to have a good army.

Up to that point the whole situation seems to be both normal and reasonable. I expect high or low of the Army officers have countless times received requests—or even demands—to show favoritism in the ranks, and have denied such requests.

Then the story becomes confused and complicated, and leaves the normal pattern. Top Army personnel took umbrage at the efforts of the new draftee's friends and—of all things—filed a long list of formal "charges" asserting that threats and attempts to intimidate them had been made. As might be expected, the private's friends made answer including some "counter-charges"—and the fight was on.

Maybe there is more to it than related above—but that is what I've seen on the late evening TV show.

A directory telling "who buys what and where is the federal government" has been published by the Small Business Administration. I have just been advised by SBA Administrator Wendell B. Barnes.

In addition to listing approximately 4,000 items and classes of items covering the more than 5,000,000 products and services purchased by the federal government, the directory explains government purchasing methods and tells how small plants can obtain listing on agency bidders' lists. Various forms of assistance offered small firms by the SBA are explained in the publication, and suggestions are made of ways in which small firms can locate subcontracting opportunities.

The 92-page booklet is not available for free distribution. Copies may be purchased for 50 cents each, from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C. While the Small Business Administration's field offices are not authorized to sell government documents, each of these field offices has been supplied with order forms helpful to businessmen in ordering copies of the "U. S. Government Purchasing Directory."



**FOR WHAT**

**IT'S WORTH**

By **CLIFFORD P. ROWE**

When one lives in a democracy, he is usually so involved in its processes that he usually isn't even aware of its benefits. In a similar sense, he isn't always aware of its defects; or if he is, he chooses to ignore them for his own peace of mind.

One aspect of our own democratic way of life which I, along with millions of others, have always preferred to keep in the background, got a death blow last month when the U. S. supreme court declared segregation of children in the public schools was unconstitutional.

Engaged as we are in a war with communism, many of us have not been too proud when our enemies reminded us of the skeleton in the closet: segregation of public school children by color.

Now, however, as a result of the supreme court decree, children can grow up to know that an individual's worth is not determined by the color of his skin, but rather by what he is and does.

Adult prejudices cannot be changed even by legislation or decree; children, though, are in a more favorable position. Whereas legislation relative to segregation could never hope to solve the problem among adults, allow one generation of children to grow up to-

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Another publication is in preparation by SBA, but no indication has been given when it will be completed. This document, "U. S. Government Specifications Directory," will be a guide to the locations across the county where businessmen may consult files of government specifications and standards.

gether, to play together, and to learn together and great strides will have been made toward teaching the principle of equality among all men.

Men and women of all colors have learned to work together in all civilized parts of the world. In our own land they worship the same God; they toil shoulder to shoulder at the same tasks; and they fight side by side and die side by side in the great cause of freedom for man. Now that it will be possible for them to live together in childhood, the last vestiges of prejudices and stupidity are bound to disappear eventually.

Most of the hates between races in this great nation were torn a century ago in a civil war. Children will soon forget these if allowed to decide for themselves on the basis of their own experiences.

**BETTY YOUNG HOME**

Mrs. Harold Young has returned from ten days in Portland. Her children who have been visiting their grandparents returned with her.

**VISITING PARENTS**

Mrs. Wm. G. Thompson and children left from Portland last Sunday to visit Mrs. Thompson's family in Auburn, Nebraska.

Reach that buyer through a Pilot Classified Advertisement.

**The School Board Election**

On June 21st, local voters in School District 17-C will participate in a school election which has two issues . . . the approval of the school budget and the election of three new members for the school board.

We are not frankly, too worried about the fate of the school budget. It is a well-drawn budget and it's excess over the six per cent limitation is no more than could be expected in an area which is growing as fast as this, and which has the construction program this one has.

But we think it is the time that the people began the serious consideration of the men who will man the school board. The names must be filed by June 14th, and their acceptance on file not less than five days before the election, which will end June 21.

The conduct of our schools here is a serious business, and too often in the past it has been surrounded by controversy and criticism. The men who are selected to this board must be good men, and they must be prepared to do their job well.

**The Azalea Festival**

The thousands of visitors who saw and participated in the Azalea Festival this last week saw a spectacle that is undoubtedly unrivalled in any city the size of Brookings. We who live here can be proud, not only of the Festival, but of the Native beauty of the wild azaleas which inspires it.

And we can be proud, too, of the people of this area who have labored and worried over the festival. Without that core of public spirited people, this celebration would be as impossible for this community as it would for other communities.

So, the next time you give thanks for this area in which you live, give thanks, too, to the people too numerous to mention who sweated out the Azalea Festival . . . and made it the magnificent tribute to the Brookings-Harbor area that it is.

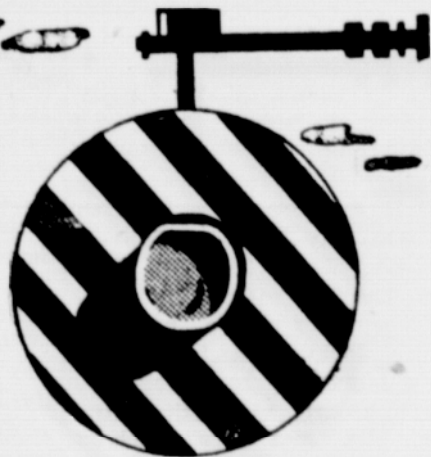
**Meeting Features Shower**

The Winchuck Women's Club held their regular meeting last week at the home of the president, Clara Bowlin. An interesting talk on wild flowers was given by Mrs. Grover. Mrs. Zella May was received as a new member.

At the close of the meeting a baby shower was given for Margaret Steinmetz. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess.

No business meetings will be held for the next three months, but the group plans a picnic the last Sunday in each month.

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