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Popular People



THE GRINNING APE IN THE DINKY IMPORTED CAR WHO PATIENTLY WATCHES YOUR EFFORTS TO PARK YOUR JUGGERNAUT IN A SPACE HE CAN EASILY MAKE.

THE FIRESIDE PULPIT

Way to Ease Family Disputes Is With Religion, Common Sense

By REV. GEORGE H. SWIFT

Many people have little difficulty in making the presumably large decision in matters of business. They may manage big corporations, plan great enterprises, rule economic empires or boss construction gangs without great mental strain or the expenditure of much nervous energy.



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But about their homes they may be totally unable to make the supposedly little decisions about which center their real happiness and peace of mind. The small business or professional man, the artisan or the laborer have the same difficulty.

There are many more unhappy people in the world than the public knows about because the greater number keep their domestic troubles to themselves.

I am not a psychiatrist, but I have had thousands of people come to me with their problems in the past thirty years in the ministry. I should know something about the underlying causes of domestic discord and unhappiness.

A typical case of domestic stress and strain is the couple

who comes to talk things over preparatory to a contemplated separation. Very frequently I find that no single act on the part of either party should ever have caused more than a ripple of discord on an otherwise calm and peaceful domestic sea. But an accumulation of such little ripples over a long period of time raises a veritable tidal wave which seems to engulf them.

Little neglects, little discourtesies, and a sharp tongue can really whip up quite a tempest.

When tempests become so regular that nerves get "on edge" even at the thought of their approach, one or the other, or both, break under the strain.

The bright side of all this is that most of this unpleasantness, if not all of it, can be avoided altogether by a frank "talking it over" so that each one can see how the little neglects, discourtesies and thoughtless remarks ruin an otherwise happy home.

There are few family rifts which cannot be corrected by a good dose of religion, coupled with common sense and mutual forbearance.

Kissing Right Given Back

Hungerford, England (AP)—An old village festival was revived today, and as a consequence quite a few girls got kissed.

The quaint ceremonies, suspended in the war, commemorate the granting to citizens of fishing rights in the Kennet river about 600 years ago.

The town crier started proceedings with blasts from a horn, whereupon commoners assembled and elected a number of men, who got a kissing concession.

They got the right to kiss any girl in town—even could pursue them by ladder through second story windows if they wanted to. Many did, too.

SIPS FOR SUPPER

Dream Fulfilled

By DON UPJOHN

What should be one of the musts for the week-end is a visit to the new building at the state hospital where open house is being held to show the people where what is of more importance, what strides are being taken to provide more adequate and enlightened care



Don Upjohn

to mental unfortunates. Of particular interest is the new treatment hospital, considered unquestionably the best in the United States and the fulfillment of a dream of 15 years of Dr. John C. Evans, a long time superintendent there who recently retired. For the period mentioned Dr. Evans pretty well devoted his life to the idea of this treatment hospital. On numerous trips over the United States he visited most of the state hospitals where he gathered and collated ideas, at least those he thought would fit into his dream and these, and many others, are visible in the results now being shown. We doubt if any man could have, or wish for, a better monument. We well remember what scathing denunciation was had by the late Dr. R. E. Lee Steiner from some sources for his alleged extravagance when what is now the old receiving ward was constructed. It still stands as evidence of a change in public sentiment we are certain will be pretty visible as to the new treatment hospital which is certain to receive nothing but public praise. So

The Cat and the Canary
Greencastle, Ind. (AP)—Mrs. James Wright reported that her black cat suffered such a scare in an altercation with a canary that his fur is turning white.

"Kitty was a coal black Angora until he tried to catch the canary," Mrs. Wright said. "Now he's gradually turning white." She said the cat knocked over the bird cage and a couple of flower pots about two weeks ago. The clatter frightened the cat so much he hid under a chair for hours. "About a week ago I noticed a white ring around his neck," Mrs. Wright said. "Now the backs of his front legs are white and there are white spots on his sides." The rest of his jet black coat is becoming a "dirty grey," she said.

A lot of humans may get about the same results as the canary in the foregoing paragraph by a visit from the internal revenue collector.

Folk who had the temerity to put out their tomato plants early may have a bit of worry coming from the frost which painted the landscape pretty white this morning. But as usual those seen downtown were bobby socks in face of it.

New yellow lines along Court street decorated with "wet paint" signs. And the showers which came along made the paint a little wetter.

Old Times Are Comin' Back

New York (AP)—Vaudeville is coming back to its old home on Broadway—the Palace theater.

The Palace hasn't employed a vaudeville act in 13 years. But starting May 19, the stage that topped the circuit when vaudeville was in its heyday will revive the old traditions.

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND
Bad Lobbying Racket Is In Job Ties With RFC

By DREW PEARSON

Washington—One of the worst Washington lobbying rackets is to get a job with the government, then use it as a springboard to secure a lush-paying job in private industry.

Sometimes a government official almost seems to be working for the private company with which he wants a job even before he gets the job.

Recently the Waltham Watch company received a \$6,000,000 loan from the Reconstruction Finance corporation. At the very same time it received the loan, Waltham hired one of the chief RFC officials who helped arrange the loan—John Hagerty head of the RFC's Boston office.

Hagerty knows nothing about the intricate problem of watch-making or selling; is a political protegee of ex-Senator Dave Walsh. But he handled the preliminary work for the Waltham loan, recommending it to the RFC in Washington.

He was then getting a government salary of \$10,000. But the minute Waltham got the loan, Hagerty left the RFC and went to work for Waltham at a salary of \$30,000.

Query: Did Waltham offer the lush salary to Hagerty because he deserved it, or as a reward for helping swing the RFC loan?

Again, the RFC has given a \$3,000,000 loan to the Plywood Plastics corp., of Hampton, S.C. One of the RFC officials who helped arrange it was Sterling Foster.

And now Foster has notified the RFC that he intends to go to work soon for the Plywood Plastics, the same company which borrowed \$3,000,000. Foster will just about double his salary, getting \$18,000 the first year, and \$22,000 by the third year.

Again query: Was this a reward for help in arranging the loan?

The treasury's internal revenue bureau long ago got around this problem by refusing to let any of its retired personnel practice before the bureau until two years after resigning. But other government departments are lax, especially the army and navy.

One of the worst scandals in Washington is the number of high-ranking army and navy officers now working for private industry in order to handle procurement contracts with the army and navy.

Many of them still draw pensions from the U. S. government, plus income tax cut-aways, in addition to their lush private industry salaries.

NEW JUDGE BALDWIN

Senator Ray Baldwin's acceptance of a supreme court judgeship in Connecticut illustrates a point which many people don't realize—the wear and tear to which we subject our public servants.

Senator Baldwin has been active in Connecticut politics for 29 years—a long time in any man's life. During that period he was subjected to the expense and the physical drain of running for state-wide office in five elections in ten years. In other words, he ran for governor or senator an average of every two years.

During his 29 years in public office a quirk of fate made it such that no republican governor was ever in office at the right time to appoint him to the state supreme court—long Baldwin's chief ambition. Either Baldwin was governor and couldn't appoint himself, or a democrat was governor and wouldn't appoint him.

President Truman has asked his council of economic advisers for an up-to-date memorandum of the U. S. economic condition as the basis for a new legislative request to congress on economic control.

The Ford Motor company will reject all demands by the auto workers union for wage increases at this time. Ford is already paying top wages.

SIX SECONDS OF MUMBLE

Not a 'Hello' in a Call

By HARMON NICHOLS

Washington (AP)—I got wind of the fact that the New York Phone company has started a campaign to take the "hello" out of telephoning.

Some efficiency expert figured that to say "hello" and mumble about "who's this?" averages about six seconds per call.

All this sent me on a mighty mission—to see the Chesapeake and Potomac people who serve the capital area.

Gray-haired, friendly Bob Davidson, the middle man between the "hello" girl and the public as far as Washington phones go, kind of laughed when he heard about what is going on in the Bronx, Brooklyn and Manhattan.

Bob is polite and didn't use the word "jokes."

"It would take a generation or ten to re-educate the people to stop saying 'hello' when they answer the phone," he said.

All of this was very interesting. But I decided to do a little research on my own—at five cents a call.

I didn't get many "hellos." I called the navy department

BY GUILD
Wizard of Odds



POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER
Too Many Unwed Women

By HAL BOYLE

New York (AP)—There is a surplus of women in America. Supply has now outrun demand in this important field. And the ratio of excess women to men is likely to continue.

What can be done about it? Particularly since medical science at present is unable to arrange a switchover in posterity production techniques—by means of which he stork would bring more baby boys.

Throughout history civilizations have evolved several techniques for solving the problem of the excess female.

Some societies have maintained a balance of the sexes by the cruel method of female infanticide. They simply killed unwanted girl babies or left them to die. In other societies all unwed women were taken into religious orders.

The ancient Hindus found an easy way to dispose of widows. The bereft ladies gallantly leaped on the funeral pyres of their husbands and cremated themselves to prove they were excellent wives.

This custom, known as suttee, had two advantages. It kept the husband from being lonely in the life beyond. And it made it unnecessary for kinsmen to have to support the widow. Sutttee has pretty well died out now, however, since the British government outlawed it in India. It seems too many widows were being thrown into the flames—instead of jumping in of their own accord.

But by far the commonest solution for the problem of the extra female has been polygamy, the system under which a man has several wives.

Discussing this in the current American Mercury, Dr. Ralph Linton, sterling professor of anthropology at Yale university, says polygamy has worked successfully in a number of civilizations. He says it is doing well now in Madagascar.

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