

# In the Way of Life

## BRUCE BARTON

### MORALITY

In Mary Roberts Rinehart's autobiography, "My Story," occurs this reference to petticoats:

"They had to be made, two or three, very full, and generally a short flannel one to the knees...."

"Not long ago a young girl of my acquaintance was going through an old trunk of her mother's and came across a brief bit of embroidered flannel.

"What on earth is this?" she demanded.

"That? That was my flannel petticoat for my wedding."

"Whereupon the girl burst into shrieks of delighted laughter. I smiled when I heard the story," says Mrs. Rinehart. "I too have somewhere just such a garment. I scolded and embroidered it myself for my wedding, and I should have felt a shameless woman without it."

Julia Ward Howe, when a little girl, grew weary from a long ride in the family coach, and allowed her knees to drop apart childwise. Instantly her father reproved her: "My daughter, if you cannot sit like a lady we will stop at the next tailors and have you measured for a pair of pantaloons."

The characteristics which distinguish a "lady" and comprise her moral code have differed widely in different generations.

I remember the first girl I ever saw who had cut off her hair. She

worked in my office. The president of the company called me on the carpet and wanted me to fire the young lady, which I declined to do. To his way of thinking, bobbed hair was a sure sign of an abandoned woman.

I recalled the first lady whom I ever saw lighting a cigarette. All of us who witnessed the performance were sure that she was no better than she ought to be.

Only recently I ran across an old copy of the "Book of Rules" issued by a coeducational college a quarter of a century ago. It consisted of thirty pages of "Thou shalt nots" and, having prohibited almost everything it wound up with this blanket injunction:

"In addition to the foregoing rules, students are expected to refrain from card playing, dancing and theatre-attendance, and to observe the other common rules of morality."

The Old Testament contains many precepts, but in the book of Micah there is one verse which is a summary of them all. It reads: "He hath showed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?"

This is the basis of all morality. This is fundamental and unchanging.

But whether hair or petticoats are long or short is nothing to worry about.

cotton collars two for a quarter. We now have to pay a quarter for the cotton collars and forty cents for the linen ones.

I think I will go back to farming!

### NECKTIES

Is there anything more foolish than a man's necktie? If you wear a collar you have to wear a tie. It is a perfectly useless adornment, serving no real purpose except to gratify the wearer's vanity. A man never sees his own necktie when he is wearing it, so he must wear it to please other people's eyes. I think there is a good deal to be said for the costume which used to be so popular in the movies, the rolled-collar shirt worn open half way down the chest.

Men are such slavish followers of fashions, however, that they will never dress sensibly until a few bank presidents and others who make a business of being dignified set the style of dressing comfortably.

### University Alaska Cruise Drawing Wide Interest

University of Oregon, Eugene, Feb. 12.—Marked enthusiasm for the University of Oregon Yukon summer session cruise is already being shown, and indications are that more than 30, the number necessary to insure the trip, will be signed up within the next few weeks. Inquiries have already come in from every section of the state and from other states, and the venture is already recognized as one of the most outstanding education projects of this year by leading educators, it is stated by Alfred Powers, director of the extension division, who is in charge of the summer sessions.

The 30 or more members of the cruise will leave Seattle July 20, and after spending two weeks in various parts of Alaska, will board a river steamer at Tanana, August 4. The next seven days will be spent cruising the Yukon river, through matchless scenery, in the gold fields made famous in '98, and through many historic spots. The party will join the regular Alaska summer cruise at Whitehorse, and will return by rail to Skagway, and from there back to Seattle by vessel.

The regular cruise of two weeks, starting August 11, after 10 days preparatory work on the campus at Eugene, is also attracting a great deal of attention, and the summer is expected to enjoy the greatest success since the project was first launched four years ago. The usual enrollment of 150 may be exceeded this year, and preparations are being made to take care of more than an excess of this number.

The regular cruise will be headed by David E. Faville, dean of the school of business administration, while Mr. Powers may personally conduct the Yukon extension trip.

### Texan Gets Big Job



Jesse Holman Jones, Houston lumberman and banker, a Democrat, has been named on the Reconstruction Finance Board. He was active in the Red Cross during the War.

### BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OPENS FEB. 22

President Hoover will officially open the nine-month, nation-wide George Washington Bicentennial celebration at noon (Eastern Standard time) February 22, when he will deliver his George Washington address before a joint meeting of Congress, assembled in the House of Representatives in the Capitol. The Judges of the Supreme Court, members of the Cabinet, foreign diplomats and many other distinguished visitors also will be present, and the address will be carried to every corner of America over a nation-wide hook-up.

Following his address, President Hoover will be escorted to the East steps of the Capitol, and will give the signal for the singing of "America" by a chorus of ten thousand voices. It is expected that millions of people will join in this "sing" as it comes over the air.

The great chorus gathered at the Capitol will be conducted by Walter Damrosch and will be accompanied by the United States Army, Navy and Marine bands which will play as a unit under the direction of John Philip Sousa. An "inaugural" crowd is expected to be on hand for these ceremonies.

After luncheon, President Hoover, accompanied by the members of the United States George Washington Bicentennial Commission and the District of Columbia Commission will go to Mount Vernon to lay a wreath on the tomb of the Father of His Country in the name of a united nation.

At 3 p. m., there will be exercises at the Washington Monument under the auspices of the various patriotic societies in the District of Columbia.

In the evening the George Washington Colonial Costume Ball will be held at the Mayflower Hotel under the auspices of the United States George Washington Bicentennial Commission and the District of Columbia commission. No effort is being spared to reproduce the Colonial atmosphere for this occasion. The affair is being managed by experts and every State will be represented by especially invited guests.

While the celebration officially opens on February 22, Sunday, February 21, will be an active day in the District of Columbia as well as in every city in America. The United States George Washington Bicentennial Commission has suggested special religious services for George Washington to be held wherever people gather to worship. Response from the various church organizations to this project has been remarkable. It is probable that all of the 232,000 churches will hold special services honoring the

First President on this day.

A folk-masque written especially for the United States George Washington Bicentennial Commission by Percy MacKaye will be presented at Constitution Hall, Washington, D. C., on the evening of February 21. This masque is being produced under the auspices of the United States George Washington Bicentennial Commission and the District of Columbia commission.

The masque is entitled "Wakefield," named after the birthplace of George Washington, and portrays in symbolic form the story of George Washington. Five hundred adults and children are being rehearsed for this production and the music will be furnished by the United States Marine band. The folk-masque is being printed by the United States George Washington Bicentennial Commission for use in other cities. It is expected that this masque will be produced in all the large cities of the United States during the Bicentennial celebration.

During the week of February 22, motion pictures depicting principal events in the life of George Washington entitled "Washington, the Man and the Capitol" and produced by Warner Bros., will be shown in the theaters of America as a feature of the Bicentennial celebration. The Hundreds of theaters have already arranged for such a showing, and, undoubtedly, practically every motion picture theater in America will be booked to show the life of George Washington on the screen.



Joe Gish FREE AIR THAT CRASH YOU JUST HEARD IS THE LAST OF THE NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS BEIN' BROKEN....

### Raspberry Growers Are Threatened by Disease

Oregon raspberry growers will need to take every precaution to avoid introduction in this state of the raspberry mosaic, the most serious disease at present attacking western plantings. This is the warning sounded by H. P. Bars, plant pathologist at the Oregon Experiment station following a conference with pathologists familiar with conditions in western Washington where the disease has gained a strong foothold, especially in the Puget Sound district.

"When our first raspberry stocks were introduced in western Oregon they were free from this mosaic disease and they have remained free from it," says Professor Bars. "The disease has become established in western Washington, however, and there is danger it will spread southward."

"Spread of the disease over long distances is accomplished mostly through introduction of sets from a locality where the mosaic is present. Once it is introduced in this manner it is spread by insects from plant to plant and brings disaster to a successful region in a few years."

Professor Bars recently discussed the problem with Dr. L. K. Jones, plant pathologist of the Washington Experiment station, who is familiar with the disease in New York state where he said it has wiped out raspberry growing in whole districts.

Canyon City—Sulfur used on alfalfa on the Edgar Deardorff ranch at Prairie City gave an increase of 3100 pounds of hay the first cutting and a like amount the second cutting. Similar benefits can be expected from the same application for two more years, according to County Agent R. G. Johnson, making a total increase of nine tons at an initial cost of \$2.45 per acre. The average increase for the first year was more than enough to repay the cost of the sulfur application.



### STAMPS

It is less than a hundred years since the first postage stamps were issued, but stamp collecting has become one of the most widespread of all hobbies. Rare issues of early postage stamps command fabulous prices. If I had today one set of stamps which I owned as a boy and which I traded for a squirrel rifle, I could sell them for many thousands of dollars. That was a complete set of uncanceled United States departmental stamps.

A few years ago my wife came into possession of a trunk full of old letters, which had accumulated for more than a century in a New England farmhouse. Somebody else had cut the most valuable stamps from the envelopes, but there were numerous stamps left for which she got more than \$10 apiece.

The most valuable stamps of all are some of those issued privately by postmasters before the government began to print stamps in 1847. If you can find, for example, a stamp issued by the Postmaster of Alexandria, Virginia, in 1845, or one by the postmaster of Boscowen, New Hampshire, in 1846, you have found a fortune. Single copies of each of these stamps have lately sold for \$15,000 each!

### CALENDAR

The International Conference on Calendar Reform seems to be making some headway. There is still a bitter dispute between the people who would like to change our method of computing time from a twelve-month year to a thirteen-month year, but on one point almost everybody has come to an agreement. That is to make Easter fall at the same time every year.

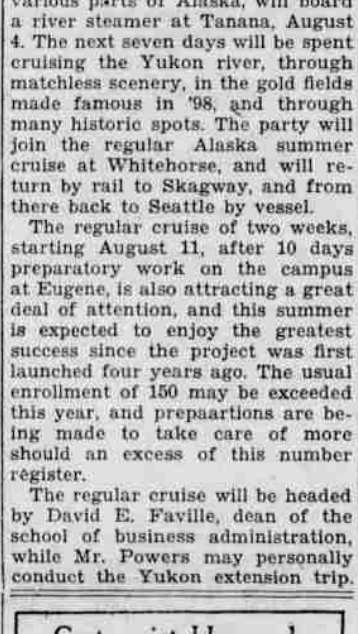
Under our present calendar Easter is the Sunday after the first full moon which follows the twenty-first of March. That may be any time from March 22nd to April 25. The Roman and Greek Catholic churches, the Church of England, the Lutheran church and all the important Protestant denominations have agreed that there is no reason why Easter should not be fixed for the Sunday following the second Saturday in April, and authoritative action may be looked for within the next year or two, insuring that Easter in all parts of the northern hemisphere will always occur after spring has got well under way, instead of falling, as it now often does in northern climates, while the world is still in the grip of winter.

### COLLARS

In times like these it is the "white collar" workers who get the worst of it. They are the first to be fired or to have their salaries reduced. They are the last to be taken back when business picks up again. They are office workers or store clerks mainly. Because their training and inclinations make them more fastidious than the general run of wage earners, most of them are paying higher rents and habitually spending more on living than artisans and their families do.

As a white collar worker myself I have a grievance which I share with all of them. Every commodity that I know of has come down in price, except white collars. Before the war we could buy white

### CARTOONIST HONORED



Albert T. Reid, one of the country's outstanding artists, has been elected vice-president of the Professional Artists' League, which is opposing the employment of foreign artists for American official portraits.

### AGE

The State of New York granted pensions to 51,168 old people in 1931, the first year of the operation of the State Old Age Security Law. The average pension was \$26.92 a month. Any person over seventy years old who is unable to support himself or herself is eligible for a pension in New York.

Massachusetts gave relief to 10,000 old people in the first six months of its Old Age Assistance Law, for which every voter in the State is taxed \$1 a year. It cost an average of \$5.55 a week for each pensioner.

Delaware, California and Minnesota have State old age pension systems. In Canada 63,285 old people are on the pension rolls.

The time is coming soon, I believe.

### Champion Fancy Skater



Sonja Henie, the world's champion figure skater who hails from Norway, will take part in the Lake Placid events.

### ODD---BUT TRUE

THE CUSTOM OF EXCHANGING VALENTINES IS HANDED DOWN FROM THE ROMAN FESTIVAL OF THE LUPERCALIA, WHEN IT WAS CUSTOMARY FOR MAIDS AND BACHELORS TO DRAW NAMES OF EACH OTHER. THE PERSON WHOSE NAME WAS PICKED WAS THEN TO BE THE "VALENTINE" OR "SWEETIE" OF THE MORE OR LESS LUCKY, INDIVIDUAL FOR THE FOLLOWING YEAR.

THE SEPOY MUTINY IN INDIA (1857) WAS CAUSED BY THE INTRODUCTION OF THE GREASED ENFIELD CARTRIDGE. THE NATIVES RESENTED THE USE OF TALLOW ON THEM. AS ANIMALS, ESPECIALLY COWS, ARE HELD IN GREAT REVERENCE THERE.

UNTIL ABOUT ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO THERE WERE NO RIGHT AND LEFT SHOES.

THE AVERAGE AMERICAN WOMAN USES THREE TIMES HER WEIGHT IN COSMETICS DURING HER LIFE.

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