

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

The news? Here's a sample: Cheered by half a million Britons and acclaimed by a glittering array of royalty, Princess Alexandra, Queen Elizabeth's favorite cousin, is married in Westminster Abbey to the son of a titled Scottish family. More than 120 members of British and European royal houses turned out for the occasion.

Well, in the crush that followed the ceremony, Queen Elizabeth stepped on the toe of King Olaf of Norway. She begged his pardon, and he said: "Oh, no; it was my fault." People, you see, are people—crowns or no crowns. Even a king can have his toe stepped on.

QUEEN Elizabeth took the wedding party out PUB-BING in the Berkshire countryside. Fifty-one guests, along with the queen and

Prince Philip, piled into two buses and wound their way from Windsor castle—which later was the scene of the "Ball of the Century"—to a 500 year old pub in the small town of Bray. Twenty-eight of the pubbers were members of foreign royal, or former royal, families.

After cocktails, they had fresh lobster, roast lamb, treacle tart and fresh cream with cheese and coffee to finish off the pub lunch.

AT THE queen's request, forget-me-nots were on the tables and the waitresses wore red roses pinned to their dresses for St. George's day.

The queen was given a bouquet of roses, and was later seen ministering to a pricked thumb on the bus. King Olaf of Norway offered to help her squeeze out the offending thorn, but the queen, all the time smiling, managed alone.

Again, you see, queens are PEOPLE. They bleed when scratched by a rose thorn.

BUT—The world IS changing. In London, the Daily Mail, Britain's largest newspaper, published a stinging attack on "royal deadbeats" in London to attend the ceremony. Hitting at members of Europe's former royal families, the Mail asked in a two-column editorial: "What's Going On?" The editorial asked whether the wedding was a marriage "between popular young people or a publicity campaign

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

"I ONCE had a girl in my class," reminisced an astronomy professor at Vassar, "who was enchanting and beautiful—but so stupid she actually believed the moon was made out of green cheese." "What became of her?" asked an associate. "She got married before her freshman year was concluded," chuckled the professor. "The son of the richest man in Iowa took her out and made her actually look at the moon."



Casey Stengel is determined that his New York Mets will not duplicate in 1966 the dismal showing they made last year. "We had one bad break after another in 1965—beginning when we lost our first nine games," he grumbled. "This year, maybe we'll have a little good luck. Like Babe Herman always had." (Babe Herman, in case you've forgotten, toiled in the outfield in the good old days when the Dodgers still played in Brooklyn.) "I'll tell you how lucky that feller Herman was," continued Stengel. "One fall, for no reason at all, he bought a big turkey farm in California. Two weeks later, President Roosevelt announced there would be two Thanksgivings that year!"

for Europe's busted-down, pensioned-off, forgotten but not buried ex-royals." It added: "Is this the welfare state or the royal welfare morgue?"

WELL—Times ARE changing. A few centuries ago, a statement like that would have been lese majeste, and the editors of the Mail would have been hustled off to jail. THIS thought in conclusion: Do you reckon that all

Strictly Personal

By Sydney J. Harris

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LESSON OF ALCATRAZ

One of the wire service stories out of San Francisco last month, reporting that Alcatraz Prison had shut up shop after nearly 30 years as a "maximum security" jail for "incorrigibles," failed to mention the most significant fact of all.



In its three decades of operation, "The Rock," as it was unaffectionately known by inmates and guards alike, became less and less grim and punitive toward its prisoners. Founded on a philosophy of absolute toughness, it was nevertheless learned in practical experience that such toughness did not work out.

When it was first opened in 1934 as a Federal penitentiary, the rule of silence was imposed upon the inmates. This was dropped in less than three years. Then, industries were established, and a two-channel radio system was installed for evening programs in each cell.

Privileges at first denied the men, and later given, included subscriptions to as many as eight magazines per man; a dozen books; considerable correspond-

ence; the buying of art supplies and musical instruments; movies at week-ends; and, as time went on, the inmates were permitted to take correspondence courses, and could earn up to \$30 a month working in the laundry, the furniture, glove and brush factories, or the tailor shop. Softball and handball were instituted in a recreation area.

All these innovations, according to Alcatraz officials, "have reduced tensions and improved morale." Many of them were instituted in 1946, following a prison riot in which two guards and three inmates lost their lives. It was the last serious disturbance at the penitentiary.

As I suggested in a recent piece, those inverted sentimentalists who are against "coddling" convicts could learn from the experience at Alcatraz that human beings are made only worse when they are treated like animals and given no chance to exercise their distinctively human abilities.

The rigid punishment policies at Alcatraz did not work, and they do not work anywhere. Putting a man behind bars is punishment enough for anyone; any severity imposed on top of this only turns men bitter and desperate and totally incapable of being rehabilitated. There is not a warden in the world who is not painfully aware of this fact.

Society still lags behind its penologists; we remain punitive and vengeful and fearful—and our attitude makes the job of prison officials twice as hard. Let us hope the closing of Alcatraz marks the opening of a new chapter in American prison treatment.

Jet Pilots To Visit Sgt. York

Nashville, Tenn.—(UPI)—World War I hero Sgt. Alvin York, 75, receives special visitors today—the "Thunderbirds," an Air Force team of jet pilots who specialize in precision flying.

The pilots are here for a demonstration of close formation stunt flying and decided to call on the Medal of Honor winner who has been hospitalized nearly two weeks with a blood clot in his left lung and a kidney infection. Hospital authorities said Thursday York would be permitted to return to his Pall Mall, Tenn., home during the week end if his condition continued to improve.

FIRE TRIGGERS CRASH
London—(UPI)—Nine fire engines raced to a blaze at Westminster Abbey Thursday. Two collided with two cars and a bus in Parliament Square. The blaze turned out to be a man burning rubbish in an incinerator. There were no injuries in the collisions.

CHEF GEORGE'S Food For Thought

Here are a few rules to follow when purchasing steak for home consumption:

1. The "marbling" or tiny streaks of fat running through the lean indicates a high quality cut of beef.
2. The color should be a light, cherry-red.
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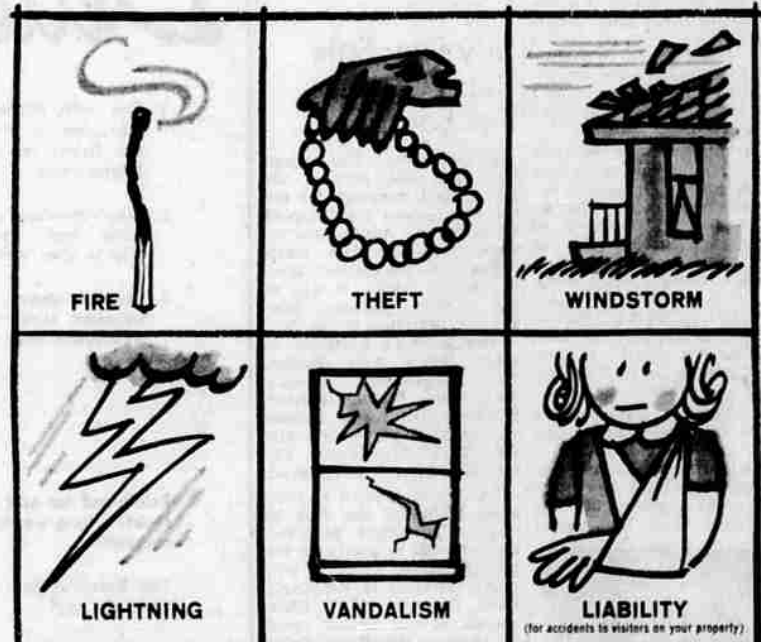
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