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25,000 Potential "Brass-Hats"

The Army wants Congress to authorize it to add 25,000 additional Regular Army Officers and a Senate Military sub-committee has approved the proposal...

Some people may not understand why the War Department wants 127,500 officers for its force of 942,500 enlisted men. They will look at the increased authorization as a plan to increase the number of potential "brass hats" because they do not realize that the future safety of the nation may depend upon the existence of a competent, trained and experienced officer corps.

The point was made by Senator Hart, of Connecticut, formerly an admiral, that an adequate officer personnel, the nation could, in the event of war, train an army in two or three years but that, without trained officers, the job could not be done in a generation.

Female Form Displayed

The alleged glorification of the American Ziegfeld and others now operating along the same line hardly explains the willingness of the modern miss to reveal her form in scant attire.

The phenomenon is easily observable at any public bathing place. The costumes now worn by the fair sex closely approach the natural state. They reflect a female attitude that is far removed from the psychology of a generation ago, when women paraded, if at all, voluminously wrapped.

It is almost impossible to pick up an issue of any publication without a display of femininity which in the earlier days would have adorned barroom walls and theatrical posters. The "pin-up" craze has exposed thousands of female frames and hardly an enterprise gets underway without crowning "Miss Somebody" or other.

There are many so-called moralists who assert that the modern display of the female form reflects a lower morality; in part, they may be perfectly correct. That problem began in the Garden of Eden, and is still with us.

However, it may be more true that the association of human beings of the opposite sex will be good or evil regardless of how much clothing either wears in public—for basic morality depends upon self-discipline that youth acquires as it grows up.

Wasn't it old Bill Shakespeare who said that "there's nothing good or bad but thinking makes it so"?

People who are UNWILLING to WORK HARD cannot expect to gain security. Only hard work wins top positions. The loafer, the idle dreamer, generally remains where they are. But there's always room up the ladder for those who use their heads to make headway on any job.

SOME PEOPLE ARGUE THAT THE GOVERNMENT of the United States has become of, by, and for the tremendous bureaucracy that now gobbles up the taxes.

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Happenings of Long Ago

50 YEARS AGO July 23, 1896

"Don't forget the L.L.A. trolley party... It is to be an immense affair. Mattie Baldwin going, so is Clize and Whitehead with both his feet, and 2,000 other people."

"That spoon man came along one night last week and struck the same old crowd of investors and rove off loaded down with free silver (for him) and left about 50 sad hearts, each one the owner of from one to five dozen spoons worth one cent each. Realizing many of our men folk ought to have a guardian."

"Hurrah for the Franklin Band! The boys came over to our town last Saturday evening and discoursed sweet music indeed, serenading every business place, and in each instance being well received. Their music was of a high order and heartily enjoyed by the whole village, but say, long come a little earlier next time, coz Mitchell was abed and asleep and mourns his deep loss."

"Our long time friend, Thomas Quorton, had a serious altercation with a two-year old bull in the ago in which the angry bovine got the upper hand of Bro. Quorton, getting him over and butting and pounding the compassion all out of him. Fortunately the hired man, who was helping Mr. Quorton, cries for help and arrived just in time no doubt to save his life. As the Quorton was being bruised up but no bones broken."

20 YEARS AGO July 23, 1926

"Birmingham, rapidly changing these days from a small community in the city to a large one, must, if it is to keep pace with its growth in population, change from the village to the farm of government. I believe that now is the time to effect the change, and I have been thinking of the organization as the sponsor for it. This spoke J. Harry McBride, local merchant and former village president, to fellow-members of the Birmingham Exchange club Tuesday noon at the Lone Pine Tea House."

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One Peace Treaty Question

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