

Let Us Be Courageous!

Too many American leaders appear to be filled with fear and timidity in their attitude toward Soviet Russia. If the United States were small, weak in natural and military resources and exhausted and impoverished as many other nations are, there might be more excuse for this fear and timidity.

Of course Russia is stronger than it ever was (largely because we helped her become so) but it is not, potentially, capable of defeating the free world in war.

While we do not believe that we, or the United Nations, should do rash things to involve us in another world war, we do not go along with those who argue that we must act like a weakling toward a bully.

A FEW DAYS AGO Jakob Malik, Russia's chief delegate to the UN, in a radio

From Our Point of View

Gambler Mickey Cohen, found guilty of income tax fraud, has been given five years in a federal prison by a Los Angeles federal court. The notorious underworld figure, able to hire high-priced legal talent, was given too light a sentence, in the opinion of many. Cohen was convicted on four charges, each of which under law could have carried a five-year prison penalty; but the judge made the sentences concurrent. We agree with many who believe that this type of sentencing often allows justice to be tempered with too much mercy. Poor people who tangle with the law often receive no such consideration.

With the city's placement of those five rubbish containers in the downtown area, it does seem a bit cleaner. However, there is still considerable litter that doesn't get into the cans and continues to make the gutters look like a July 4 family picnic was held in the vicinity. A number of additional containers certainly would further reduce the unsightly appearance. If each Birmingham service club and civic organization donated one to the city (at only \$12.65 per container), the problem would be licked, it seems to us.

City officials, since the first of the year, have become more recreation-conscious than they have in many years. Such a spirit is to be encouraged, because play-tired bodies are much healthier for the individual and the community than restless, mischievous minds.

So They Say . . .

Report of the Maryland Department of Post-mortem Examiners:
"Of drivers of passenger cars, almost half (seven out of fifteen tested), had been drinking prior to the accident."

J. Donald Adams, literary critic:
"Timeliness lies on our literature like a curse."

W. Randolph Burgess, New York Banker:
"It is not clear yet whether the back of the inflation has been broken."

Ray C. Maul, educator:
"The schools of this country employ 100,000 teachers who have had less than two years of college education."

William F. Rosenblum, rabbi:
"The principle of separation of church and state must be kept high and strong."

ONE THING OR ANOTHER By George Wm. Averill
RAILROADERS HAVE OWN SIGN LANGUAGE

On the railroad every little motion has a meaning of its own.

The wave of an arm by the station agent or the sectionman in the crew of a passing train usually means more than a casual greeting.

Suppose something were wrong with a hot box, for instance. The agent or sectionman would signal for the train to stop by waving his arm back and forth across his knees at right angles to the track.

Most of the time, signals are given some distance from the locomotive. Red flags are used to increase visibility. At night, or when visibility is poor during the day, red lanterns are used.

Here are some of the more commonly used signals and what they mean:

When a train takes on an extra car, it backs toward the car until the couplers are joined. To tell the engineer to back the train, the trainman swings his arm or lantern in a circle at half-arm length, as shown by Figure 1.

When the end of the train reaches the car, the trainman signals "Slow" by holding out his hand as in Figure 2.

1—Back Up
2—Slow
3—Proceed
4—Apply Brakes
5—Release Brakes

Before a train starts its run, the entire train's brakes are inspected. The trainman signals the engineer to apply the air brakes (Fig. 5), then inspects each wheel to see that the brake shoe has a firm grip on the tire.

When at the other end of the train, the trainman signals "Release Brakes" (Fig. 6), then returns the entire length of the train to see that the shoes on each wheel have been released.

Hard signals such as these are silent but essential parts of train operation and contribute to the safety of both passengers and train.



Which Side Are You On, Joe?
Happenings of Long Ago

5 YEARS AGO
July 25, 1946
The barking of a dog and the courage of two 14-year-old girls saved the Gilbert Gove home from destruction by fire Monday. The girls heard the dog barking and went to investigate, to find the hall filled with flames. While Georgia Thurman pulled a blazing chair from the home her companion, Donna Puls, turned in the alarm.

During August calls for the visiting health nurse will be handled through the municipal building, while the Community House is closed. This will give Birmingham uninterrupted nursing service.

Birmingham is still looking for a place to put a well. A supply of water has been discovered in three available places but no action has been taken on which site to place the permanent well and pumping station.

Blanche Drakey, Birmingham veterans counselor, cites a desperate need for living quarters for local veterans. She said that rooms for single men and homes for couples were needed at once.

Taylor Bros., road contractors, have been awarded the \$108,000 contract for the construction of a 4-foot paved highway, one quarter of a mile long, in Genesee county.

20 YEARS AGO
July 23, 1931
Village dog licenses are on sale. Machinery was set in motion in order to enforce a new dog ordinance which prohibits letting these pets run at large. License No. 1 was issued to Commissioner Charles E. Lewis, one of the ordinance authors.

Three women visited the Sells electric appliance shop during one of the hottest days last week and asked to look at irons. After several minutes of inspection the trio departed without making a purchase. It was some time after they left before the staff noticed an electric fan was missing.

Patsy Henry is leading the field for the title of Queen in the Pageant of Progress, at last reports. As the contest nears the closing date competition grows keener, with no one willing to hand a queen as to whom the winner will be.

Ten local residents have been named to the group which will begin negotiations to re-open the First State Bank. Officials of the bank, depositors and stockholders met last Tuesday to formulate plans for naming the committee.

Bloomfield township is seeking a loan of \$100,000 against delinquent taxes in order to pay off a number of small outstanding debts. The loan, after debts are cleared, will leave an operating capital of \$27,000 until tax monies begin coming in again.

50 YEARS AGO
July 19, 1901
Warren L. Rogers and his mother left Monday last for Woodstock, Ont. Since the two weeks vacation given Mr. Rogers by the Baptist officials will be passed.

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of a fine tiger cat should let the family of Thos. Cook, Southfield, know about it as they mourn the lost, strayed or stolen tiger cat very much.

It is reported that the hay crop in Oakland county this year is the biggest it has been in many years. An abundance of clover and less timothy is the general report from the area.

F. G. Pearsall is quite generous with his automobile rides but he never gave anyone a spin that enjoyed it more than Master Willie Wadsworth who took a ten mile turn to adventure one day last week.

The manufacturing plant of the Wilson Railway Gate Co., all the buildings, are receiving a coat of roof paint this week. They use Hoydell Bros. paint and buy it from Whitehead and Mitchell.

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HORSE SENSE AND NONSENSE
BY AICE E. MORGAN

TAKEN FOR GRANTED:
There are a lot of things in this world which we take for granted and are only fully aware of them when we come face to face with them.

One of these is the way in which neighbors, not particularly close friends, rally around when misfortune strikes. This was brought home to us last week when visiting a friend who had been injured in a fall.

She was amazed at the manner in which those living around her came to her aid. Neighbors, with whom she had never been close friends, dropped in repeatedly to offer assistance during the day when one of her family was at home.

One lady made a practice of running in several times during the day to make a cup of tea, bring a dainty lunch over, keep a supply of cool, fresh water at hand.

ANOTHER WOULD come over to take care of the woman's pets—a dog and a cat, bring the milk in from the front porch and the mail from the box. At odd moments others would stop by to do errands or just break the long day with a few minutes' chat.

"I felt ashamed," our friend told us, "I have never been closely associated with any of these women. I know them all, and speak when I see them around, but we have never made a practice of visiting back and forth."

"When they began coming in like this I began to feel guilty; The more they came the worse I felt and the less I was able to express my thanks to them for what they were doing for me and my family."

"I TRIED AND tried to tell them just how much it meant to me, but never was able to do it. I've always just taken them for granted. Apparently they take it for granted that when a neighbor gets a bad break, they should help out."

How true her observations are! We do take neighbors for granted. We do maintain this "over the fence" relationship with them and then find they are eager to be of service to us at the first signs of trouble.

It's a wonderful feeling as we know, and like our unfortunate friend, we have been very grateful for "just neighbors."

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Salt and pepper

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