

Code of Ethics for Legislatures

The first half of this Twentieth Century has added many ideas to the human race. Not only have great technological advances been made, but the tone of much of business and professional life has been improved through the adoption of Codes of Ethics.

However, the level of political service in the U. S. Congress and State Legislatures still needs vast improvement, if the public is to increase its collective faith in democratic institutions.

Realizing this, a special study committee of the American Political Science Association has just made a report, recommending that Codes of Ethics be adopted by the

various State Legislatures for guidance in their activities.

IF SUCH CODES were adopted, and reasonably lived up to, the whole tone of legislation on State levels would no doubt be improved. Less personal selfishness would be in evidence among legislators than now prevails. They would tend to be less provincial in their outlook upon State problems.

In the final analysis, then, the processes of basic self-government would be better served, and the whole public benefited.

Let us hope that Michigan will be among the first of the State Legislatures to consider and adopt a Code of Ethics.

Air Power Won in Korea

General Otto P. Weyland, called by many America's most experienced air tactician, says the Communists desired an armistice in Korea primarily to get U. S. air power off their backs. He said the stalemate war did not bother the Communists as much as the ravages of U. S. air power.

Weyland points out that in the last two months of the fighting over Korea, the score racked up against Communist jet fighters by U. S. fighters was 110-2. This is a devastating total and one which could soon break the enemies' air backbone if continued.

That, Weyland said, is one of the reasons why the Communists were ready for peace. He says the F-86 Sabre Jet, which he recalls was criticized for being too fast in the early days of the Korean War, proved to be capable of fighting a new kind of war in the Korean conflict.

HE SAID our jet fighters can carry 48 rockets, or a couple of 1,000-pound bombs, and that this load of destruction enables them to knock down enemy bombers or destroy ground targets with speed and precision. He calls these new tactics a new concept of warfare.

General Weyland's estimate of the Communists' desire for peace may be highly accurate. Certainly the major disadvantage of continuing the war, from the Communist viewpoint, was the continued destruction of all North Korean industry, and the losses which would have to be sustained in motor transport and aircraft as well as U. S. aerial attacks continued.

With air superiority it is doubtful if the Communists would have ever sued for peace, since lives to them mean nothing and since they could have drained U. S. manpower slowly, with Chinese and Korean troops sacrificed in exchange.

Truth Versus The Big Lie

Whenever official representatives of the free Western World meet with representatives of the Soviet Union to discuss plans for the establishment of world peace, the Soviet delegation immediately reveals that it actually doesn't want to aid in bringing that condition to human beings.

We should never forget that the present rulers in the Kremlin reached their positions of power through every inhuman practice possible. Oceans of human blood float their Ship of State. Deceit, trickery, dishonesty, and the negative qualities that chart the course of their Ship of State.

They can only survive, they believe, by continuing the practices that got them where they are. Therefore, not believing in freedom and the dignity of the individual, they keep their subjects enslaved. To

believe and practice the humanities and the moralities that dominate the Western World would result in the loss of the Kremlin's present powers.

IN SHORT, THE WESTERN World seeks to enshrine Truth in the high seats of its ruling bodies. Soviet Russia seeks to enshrine The Big Lie, for in this only are they able to keep in power.

Some day the enslaved subjects of the Kremlin will rise up against their tyrants and overthrow them.

In the meantime, the Western World can do little else but to maintain its supreme military power, and to aid in whatever way possible to help enslaved people to some day loose the inhuman chains that keep them from the blessings of personal freedom.

Increasing Engineering Graduates

Increased industrial production in Michigan has created a situation wherein the industry has found that the State's higher educational facilities cannot graduate sufficient trained men to meet their needs.

To meet this problem Michigan industrialists have banded together to obtain additional funds from the Legislature so that an expanded College of Engineering can be added to the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor.

Plans call for the erection of \$10,000,000 worth of new buildings, over a five-year

period. This would allow for the education of 5,000 students, with an annual graduation class of 800 engineers, all of whom easily could find employment in Michigan industry.

These figures reveal what today's industrial leaders in Michigan vision for the near-future requirements in the State's production areas. It also points out that modern technological developments, more than ever before, offer employment security to coming generations of American youth.

From The Eccentric's Point of View ...

Unless something is done to help the coffee-producing countries, we learn, there won't be enough coffee to go around within 20 years. If that be true, pray tell us how business will be able to operate at that date ... without its "coffee hour."

Comedian Jack Benny is reported to have spent \$50,000 on the recent wedding of his adopted daughter. What a wonderful gesture for a chap who has made millions out of his assumed role as a "cheap-skate." (By the way, Jack, that expense isn't a tax deductible item, either.)

Resignation of our neighbor, Roger Kyes, as Deputy-Secretary of Defense is a great loss to the national scene. His boss, Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson, praised Kyes' service, adding, "Roger Kyes has done as much in one year as most able men could do in two years". Would that could be said of more men in high official places!

So They Say ...

Paul Mazur, business executive: "The success of our competitive enterprise will depend to an important degree upon how rapidly we build our standards of material well-being."

Wm. Somerset Maugham, novelist: "All the writer has to offer, when you come down to brass tacks, is himself."

Dwight D. Eisenhower: "We and our friends in the free world must build, maintain and pay for a military might assuring us reasonable safety from attack."

Charles E. Wilson, Secretary of Defense: "The safety of the Asian area remains far from secured."

Robert H. Jackson, Justice, U. S. Supreme Court: "Education and religion are inseparable."

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Spring Smiles Goodbye to Winter



Happenings of Long Ago

Bits of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric--The Items That Make Up The Historical Background Of The Birmingham Of Today.

50 YEARS AGO March 18, 1904 One-legged George Brown, of Clarkston, has no opposition for county clerk and should have none.

Here is a conundrum sprung on us by a patient little lady: "Why in newspaper columns do the marriage notices lead the death notices? Give it up? We did here's the answer: 'Cause the fools are not all dead yet. Time to smile."

An exchange prints a long protest against shoes in the front of the family members of the troupe appeared in scant clothing, but the inconsistency of the editor is shown by the fact that the next column is an account of a wedding he says: "The bride wore a veil and carried a bouquet of American beauty roses."

"A person not giving his name was seen back of a tree with a broom in his hand waiting for an invitation to cross over the road when he slipped and fell. Bones were soon set."

"The eleven county newspapers of Oakland county have formed a county press association, with Glaspie of the Oxford Leader as president; Mitchell of the Birmingham Enterprise, secretary-treasurer; and Smith of the Farmington Enterprise, secretary-treasurer. The association ought to be a success, as even its eccentric features are sure to be sensible ones."

30 YEARS AGO March 14, 1924 Last Wednesday little Richard Loftfield was rushed to a doctor, in a passing truck, after it was discovered that he had been successful in placing a rivet in his nose which decidedly interfered with his breathing. With some pain to Richard, the doctor was able to pry the rivet out without operating on the nose. Richard is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Segbert Loftfield of Ruffner avenue.

A Ford runabout is advertised for sale, that is a new one, for \$265.

15 YEARS AGO March 16, 1939 A prize winning architectural design by Walter Preston Hickey of Bloomfield won a design attention this week in a New York City gallery.

Members of Adams Junior high school basketball team, champions of Birmingham, were given a banquet last Friday evening at Adams school. This is the first time Adams has won the championship in a number of years.

Mrs. Harry R. Cooley, of Henrietta street, has returned from a trip to Florida and Cuba.

BERKLEY -- Berkley's request to be permitted to use the county's direct Royal Oak telephone line was refused at a special meeting of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors. It was pointed out, the privilege should be extended to other cities and villages, municipal palities. Berkley sought to use the line to save telephone toll bills incurred in calling county officers.

The last word was "Success" and it meant just that Friday afternoon to the boy who spilled it correctly--the only boy to do so under a sprinkling from Birmingham public schools. He is Donald Champagne, 11 years old, a sixth grade pupil at the Adams school.

HORSE SENSE AND NONSENSE

BY ALICE E. MORGAN

We all were gazing at our dinner plates the other night, wondering why nothing tasted quite as good as it should, when Uncle Abner snorted something about spring in the city having some marked drawbacks.

"Why?" set him off, and before he was through, our mouths were watering and although the meal was the same, it was vanishing at an alarming pace. In fact, the younger ones were being cautioned about "gulping."

First, Uncle Abner said that on the farm it was fresh horse radish season. The grown-ups remembered that the men of the family took a garden fork and went out to the meadow behind the barn where the roots grew big and crisp.

"They'd bring back a bucket full, pump water over it until every sprig of soil had been washed away and then turn it over to the women and children."

THAT SET about a great circle of weeping, while the women pined and scrubbed the tangy roots and the children grated and ground.

Grandfather, it seemed, was of a school which demanded his horse radish grated. The rest of the family, not quite so fussy, settled for the food grinders and grinders.

Whatever the means, the children were not quite so fussy, but tears flowed freely until the table was done. But, what a delicious addition the radish made to future meals.

ALONG WITH the horse radish season came the time of searching swampsy areas for cowslips. The tender crisp leaves, boiled with a bit of salt pork or bacon, made a dish fit for a king.

Springtime also meant the annual treat of parsnips. Never were these served during the winter, but were left out in their rows,

ONE THING OR ANOTHER By George Wm. Averill

As it looks to me, the daily newspapers, radio and TV are making a mountain out of Joe McCarthy.

The nation's readers and listeners would appreciate being brought up to date on what else has been happening in the world for the past two weeks.

One of the most distasteful actions I know of is the habit of too many people to throw rubbish and garbage along our roads and highways. They seem to think the great outdoors is nothing but a city dump and garbage can.

"An editor is a public benefactor who does it the hard way," wrote H. I. Phillips, the famous columnist.

Continuing his description of a newspaper editor, he went on: "He is a combined creditor, educator, entertainment genius, recorder of events, referee, judge, sleuth, interpreter, showman, guide and information bureau wizard."

He is the only death-defying aerial acrobat outside the circus who insists on working without a net. He is a lifeguard who works in under water and likes to prove he can breathe without coming up for air.

"AN EDITOR is a teacher to whom nobody brings red apples, an information booth director who does not take the usual time off for lunch, a bus driver who only takes fares, issues transfers, drives the vehicle and answers foolish questions, but furnishes laughs and tears, and is always accurate with the weather forecasts."

"His job is to provide a three-ring cir-

cus, a public forum, a health service and a super-educational program, still giving the ball scores and keeping the births, marriages and deaths up to the minute.

"He seldom gets a cheer for conducting a great battle in the public interest, but always can count on being denounced if he has the age wrong in an obituary.

"WHATEVER he does today is gone with the wind; what he does tomorrow keeps him tossing all night tonight.

"He is a man who thinks he is having a respite if the barrel in which he goes over the falls is halted for 20 seconds by hitting a protruding rock.

"An editor is a guy who has to amuse and fascinate his mom without boring junior or the hippest gal."

Are high school students still writing English themes that are as enlightening as, for instance, "The Metamorphosis of a Mothball"?

If you are troubled with typographical errors the following editorial comment from the Rhinebeck (N. Y.) Gazette may help some:

"We fret pretty often about typographical errors in the pages of this newspaper and, sometimes, several readers will tell us about such and such an error, usually on the humorous side. We have never felt so bad about the occasional ones that occur, no matter how much checking is done, since we learned that Chinese editors insert them on purpose because of the inflationary effect they have on the reader's ego when he finds them."

City Says Delay In Accepting Bids Not Its Fault

Birmingham city officials this week were quick to defend the ship made to direct construction of the city's part in approving plans for water and sewer improvements in the city in a reasonable time before the bid date.

Charging that the real reason behind the delay in accepting bids, able to see the plans until Monday, of the improvements to be installed March 15, just two days before the bid date, was the failure of Ed members postponed the original

March 17 date for accepting bids March 20 when they learned that Birmingham City Engineer L. J. Gare was on vacation and would not return in time to study and approve the plans by the March 17 date.

Barnard also plans that Orr had not planned to advertise for bids until March 13. The city and township are jointly supervising construction of facilities.

Advertisement for HUGH C. WHITE insurance agency. Text: "QUALITY IS ALWAYS A GOOD BUY. Satisfied clients keep coming back to us because they know the 'QUALITY SERVICE' they get here. It is service based on training, experience, and knowledge. If you have an insurance problem you want to look into--drop in or phone." Includes photo of Bill Roberts and address: 217 Pierre St. Birmingham, Mich. Telephone Mid-west 4-3610.

Advertisement for CRUMB COFFEE CAKE. Text: "My recipe for CRUMB COFFEE CAKE... always successful in my ELECTRIC RANGE." Includes photo of Mrs. Russell West and a list of ingredients: 1 1/2 cups brown sugar, 2 cups sifted flour, 1/2 cup butter or margarine, 1 cup sour milk, 1 teaspoon nutmeg, 1 teaspoon cinnamon, 1 teaspoon nutmeg, 1/2 teaspoon salt. Instructions: Bake in 8 x 8 pan at 350° for 30 minutes. For a dessert add 1/2 cup nuts to the crumb mixture and top with whipped cream or ice cream.