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Out of the Mouth of Jesters

It is a sad commentary on the American mentality that a clown must deliver a sermon to which it will listen. But one did the other night. And, since radio takes a mostly-justified whipping at every other post these days, it deserves a small accolade when it wins one. This is one.



Our Town News of Your Neighbors Gathered by The State Journal Staff

Edited by Russell B. Pyre

One of the temporary classroom buildings being erected back of Bascom hall, at the University of Wisconsin, is out of line and as homely — if not a little homelier — as the other temporary buildings being placed on the campus to accommodate the overflow of students.

Fred has been casting a reflective eye on the ugly duckling.

The other day he chuckled out loud and turned to A. W. Peterson, his efficient and hard working director of business and finance who once made headlines when he refused a healthy hike in salary on the grounds that it was out of proportion to what other university faculty men were getting.

"I think I'll call it Peterson Hall," said the president. (Peterson, by the way, doesn't think it's funny.)

(Among other things, he says, the building is crooked.)

Several months ago Charles W. "Andy" Anderson sold his jewelry store at 124 State st. to Charles Selpel and Elmer Klitzman but he did not retire entirely. Andy still drops into the store every day, helps out in repair work and greets old friends. Of course, he takes it easy and doesn't put in full time.

"I wouldn't know what to do with myself if I didn't go to the store," he says. The new owners were his employees.

Anderson ran the store in the same location for 47 years. His was the first jewelry store on the street. First the firm was known as Gilbert and Andersen but when Gilbert died Andy continued to operate the store under the name of Charles W. Andersen Jewelers. The new firm has retained the name.

"Rube" Derr, driver for the Badger Bus Co., was assigned to the privilege of conveying some 20 wives of visiting Wisconsin policemen on a tour of the city last Monday while their spouses were attending the annual meeting of the Wisconsin Police Protective Assn.

At the expense of the Madison chapter, the ladies were luncheon guests at the Indian room in Monona hotel. And they took "Rube" along with them. Cocktails were served, but none for "Rube." However, he was invited to help himself to all the cherries and olives the visiting wives didn't want for themselves.

Madison women on the hostesses' committee were Mmes. P. H. Oakley, W. J. Taylor, Ralph Nedderman, Roland Zerbel and Harry Milstead.

Robert Teckemeyer and his crew of University of Wisconsin lifeguards always appreciate guidance from shore in their search for overturned lake craft they haven't been able to spot themselves. But they thought Maple Bluff Marshal A. J. Taff overdid it a bit this week as he guided them to Robert Kau's canoe at the entrance to Harper's bay.

Taff had been giving radio directions from his car as the boat sped across the lake, and finally Teckemeyer spotted the low-riding canoe and altered course slightly to reach it. When he was only a few yards away from the canoe, Taff became overly helpful.

"It's right in front of you now," he volunteered.

LESSON FOR DRIVERS

"Of last year's fatal automobile accidents, more than 2,000 were caused by collision with fixed objects." Motorists should be taught that a fixed object always has the right of way over a moving vehicle.—Minneapolis Star-Journal.

It has to do with the program known as "The Great Gildersleeve," a name given to its principal character in gentle mockery and good-natured derision. Most times, "The Great Gildersleeve" is quite the opposite: a sort of bumbling, egotistical idiot.

But last Wednesday night, he and his program met the adjective in its straight meaning: great.

The story went like this: Irrked at evident ignorance of the small nephew in his charge, Gildersleeve stormed down to the schoolhouse, upbraided teacher and principal until they flew into hysterics—then covered in the corner while the educators told him what was wrong with the schools, and at whose fault lay the blame.

Overcrowded classes, inadequate equipment, low salaries and lower respect for teachers that set them resigning and turning to other fields—all in saving the taxpayers' money.

Gildersleeve, it developed, is a member of the school board—but he hadn't been to meetings the nights the school people pleaded their cases.

But aware at last of his and his neighbors' neglect, he set off on a Revere-like ride to rouse the citizenry.

The school board president yawned. Others couldn't be bothered.

A women's club welcomed Gildersleeve's appearance, but when it found he wanted to make a speech about neglect of the schools, shooed him off with an, "Oh, no—that would be controversial, and we never discuss controversial things."

Gildersleeve exploded: "I give up." The play ended and Gildersleeve delivered a stirring and thoughtful appeal to his radio audience. He said stupidity would drive us into another world war—and the only cure for stupidity was education, good education.

He called our children "our last best hope."

It was a job of skill and sincerity. It was a little funny—maybe sufficiently funny to keep his usual millions turned in long enough to absorb a form of painless preaching.

And it was sad—maybe sufficiently sad an alarming to make such people as represent these millions in the Wisconsin legislature and the American congress do something about it—before another time has run out for the last and best of our hopes.

YESTERDAYS

(25 Years Ago . . . May 24, 1922) It is rumored that the beautiful Vilas home at 12 E. Gilman st. may be purchased by the state as the executive residence for its governors.

(15 Years Ago . . . May 24, 1932) Walter J. Kohler has announced officially that he will not be a candidate for governor in the September primaries.

(10 Years Ago . . . May 24, 1937) John D. Rockefeller, 97, America's richest man died yesterday in Ormond, Fla.

NO SAVING Taking corners on two wheels is false economy.—Arkansas Gazette.

Dewey and Team Confident for '48

'It's Time for a Change' Can Have a New Meaning

By MARCUS CHILDS ALBANY—"IT'S TIME FOR A CHANGE." That was the slogan of the Republican presidential campaign of 1944. Repeated over and over in Gov. Thomas E. Dewey's firm, full-bodied voice, it was familiar to millions of radio listeners.

With the war still on and the likely prospect at that time of a long pull before the defeat of Japan, the voters decided it was not time for a change. The members of the Dewey team—shrewd, able, on the whole realistic—are inclined to say now that they knew in 1944 that the chances of victory were slim.

WHAT THEY FEEL ABOUT 1948 IS something else again. The atmosphere in the inner circle is one of confidence. If Dewey is the Republican nominee next year, it is not hard to foresee the kind of campaign he will wage.

The Democrats will have held the federal government for 16 years. For 14 years they were in control of both congress and the executive branch. Under our two-party system, that is a long time. The slogan of '44 will be far more potent in '48.

In his gubernatorial campaign of last fall, Dewey paid little attention to his Democratic opponent, former Sen. James Mead. The object was to put Mead on the defensive. The same technique will be used against Pres. Truman if Dewey wears the GOP colors next year. The campaign will be carefully tailored to appeal to the band of independent voters who have become the deciding factor in presidential elections.

ONE THEME CERTAIN TO BE stressed in a Dewey campaign is unity of action in government. Each Sunday evening during the New York legislative session, Dewey and three or four members of his inner council meet with the Republican leaders of the legislature. At these sessions, they thresh out the legislative program for the coming week. The visitor from Washington is told that party discipline is fairly high once agreement has been reached.

This will be well advertised to point up the contrast with the conflicts and confusions of Washington. Dewey tolerates no public dissension among the members of his administration. Those who talk out of turn are certain to be called by Paul Lockwood, secretary to the governor and chief hatchet man, who has been told by Dewey to "get that so-and-so over here."

Whether Dewey is dictator or mediator depends on how you look at it. At the dinner show put on this year by Albany's political reporters, the Republican legislative leaders were kidded for their futile efforts to spend the state's half-billion-dollar surplus. The chorus of the song they sang ended: "But when Dewey says 'No,' They're outvoted and so— They are birds in a gilded cage."

THE SCORE OF THE DEWEY TEAM IS as follows: 1938, Republican nominee for governor, defeat; 1940, campaign for Republican nomination for president, defeat; 1942, Republican nominee for governor, victory; 1944, Republican nominee for president, defeat; 1946, Republican nominee for reelection as governor, victory by near-record majority.

The Dewey team puts considerable stress on this background in the national league, at the same time belittling the Republican precedent that a defeated presidential nominee has never been nominated. They point to the mistakes of '44, and the visitor is made to understand that those mistakes will not happen again.

NO ONE SEEMS MORE CONFIDENT outwardly than the principal in this impressive political drama. While he is more relaxed in this interlude of waiting, Dewey is as deliberate, as little impulsive, as ever. Even when he performs the simplest act, such as lifting the carafe from his desk and pouring himself a glass of water, you have the feeling it was carefully planned in advance.

The governor has as comfortable and pleasant a life as one can have within the prickly confines of high and conspicuous office. He spends as much time as possible with his wife and two sons on his handsome farm near Pawling, N. Y.

Dewey has his own herd of 100 dairy cows. The governor's cows are just now the subject of an experiment which it is hoped will raise the state's milk production. By their performance these lowly cows may contribute to Dewey's advancement. Nothing is wasted in this efficient political production line.

Hypnosis Does Fail White-bearded Andre Berillon, of Paris, backed by the 41 textbooks on hypnosis and psychotherapy which he has written in his 87 years, says that by hypnosis he can cure "almost anything."

Could he cure a drunkard that way? Replied Berillon: "I treated an alcoholic only once. I put him to sleep and in his trance made him hold up his right hand and swear never again to use it or to touch a glass containing alcohol."

"The patient returned two days later, saying: 'Doctor, I find I cannot use my right hand to drink with, but my left hand picks up a glass quite freely. Could you do something about it, as anyway I am left-handed.'"

"To repair this oversight, I hypnotized the patient and made him repeat the formula for his left hand."

"But the next week my sister told me she had seen my patient in a bar, drinking through a straw. Ever since, I have left alcoholics alone."—Time Magazine.

Some Left Right

A serious difference of opinion has arisen in the ranks of Greek Communists. It seems some of them favor not giving the country away.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

How Did It Happen?

Traffic fatalities in Madison for the first four months of 1947 tied the figure for 1946 at three.—Madison Police Department.

Five-Bladed Prop Stops Plane Noise

LANGLEY FIELD, Va.—(U.P.)—The National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (NACA) has announced that it has found a solution to the aircraft noise problem that has been pestering many a community.

A Stinson L-5 liaison plane, with a 5-bladed propeller instead of the conventional two blades, demonstrated here how low-flying airplanes can be made barely audible above ground level noise.

Flying at 300 feet, the light plane whirred over the airport sounding much like a jet plane infinitely toned down. A standard model made 90 per cent more noise.

NACA officials said that at 500 feet over a city the plane could not be heard at all. Moreover, it was five miles an hour faster than the standard plane.

The demonstration was given for aircraft industry executives and engineers, here for the federal research agency's 16th annual inspection. Among the visitors were Orville Wright and Sen. Owen Brewster (R-Me.) Army and navy officers were to witness the exhibition today.

NACA and the Civil Aeronautics administration attacked the noise problem after public criticism in some instances threatened to prevent construction of new airports. The postwar revival of private flying brought many protests against the noise nuisance.

Tavernmen's Plea Fails; License Fee Increased to \$500

Despite an appeal by Atty. Lester Lee, counsel for the Dane County Tavern Keepers Assn., who insisted taverns "aren't making the money they were a few years ago," the city council Thursday night approved, in committee of the whole, an ordinance by Councilman Peter J. Lynaugh raising wholesale and retail liquor license fees from \$450 to \$500—the maximum under state law.

At Lee's request, however, the council recommended adoption of an ordinance repealing the \$1,000 bond requirement for tavern licensees, premiums on which average \$100 yearly.

Liquor sales, Lee reported, have decreased one third in volume since 1941. Operating in small outlying business districts, representing 60 per cent of all tavern keeps, can not afford the \$500 license fee increase, he claimed.

Legal critics do not require bonds, he added, and no claim for forfeiture of a bond ever has been made in Madison.

Workers' School Budget Boosted; Enrolment Grows

Approval of a larger budget for a larger School of Workers was given by the board of regents of the University of Wisconsin today.

The 14 institutes of last year will be increased to 18, the regents were told, and the school will last 14 weeks instead of 10 as last year. The enrolment is up from 519 last year to an estimated \$10 this year, with the school scheduled to start June 8.

The budget for the school last year was \$9,000, with \$4,543 of this amount paid in student fees and \$4,457 the amount borne by the university. The budget this year will be \$13,662, with fees bringing in \$9,460 and \$4,202 the amount to be paid by the university.

The university's share of the budget is taken from the regents' unassigned fund, a procedure in practice for several years since the withdrawal of legislative approval of a budget for the school threatened its close.

The regents also authorized a budget of \$4,250 for the University of Wisconsin School of Banking, June 2 to 14, and approved appointment of teaching personnel.

Two short courses also received regent approval. One was for a dairy herd improvement association training program, to be held June 2-7 at the college of agriculture, and the other, for county veteran's service officers May 28-29.

Student Veterans' Subsistence Boosts Predicted Soon

WASHINGTON—(U.P.)—Legislation to increase the subsistence allowances for the veterans attending school will be approved soon by the house, veterans committee Chairman Edith N. Rogers (R-Mass.) has said.

She made the disclosure during testimony before the house rules committee on a bill to raise the income ceilings for veterans taking on-the-job training.

Mrs. Rogers said that the bill now under consideration by her committee would raise subsistence allowance for GI's in college from \$65 to \$75 for single men and from \$80 to \$110 for married vets, plus \$15 for each child.

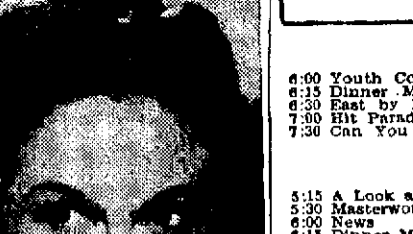
She urged the rules committee to permit house consideration of the bill to raise the ceiling for on-the-job trainings. On-the-job training allowances for on-the-job trainees are paid only to the extent that they do not bring the veteran's total earnings above the ceiling.

De Gasperi Invited to Return in Italy

ROME—(U.P.)—Alicide de Gasperi received an official mandate from Benito Mussolini today to succeed himself as head of an Italian coalition government.

De Gasperi, leader of the Christian Democrat party, already had begun negotiations with other political leaders before receiving the formal invitation from de Nicola. He hoped to organize a coalition with less Communist and Left-Socialist strength than the one that resigned May 13.

Tonight's Aces



SUSAN HAYWARD Drama

8:30 p. m.—Mayor of the Town (WBBM); gold star mother vs. draft board.

7:30 p. m.—Family Theater (WGN): Robert Alda in "A Star for Helen"; Guy Kibbee, host.

8 p. m.—This Is Hollywood (WBBM): Susan Hayward and Lew Ayres in "The Magnificent Obsession."

9 p. m.—Favorite Story (WMAQ): Ronald Colman in "Jane Eyre."

Discussion 5:45 p. m.—Department of Agriculture (WGN): Sec. Clinton Anderson on "The Sugar Situation."

Music 7:30 p. m.—Serenade (WBBM): "Till Clove My Eyes"; "Man'selle"; "Alexander's Ragtime Band"; "Whiffenpoof Song."

8 p. m.—Theater of the Air (WBBM): Marion Claire and John Carter in "Mlle. Modiste."

8:30 p. m.—Wayne King (WBBM): "Peg o' My Heart"; "Laura"; "Ivy"; "Bill"; "Lady of Spain."

Quiz 6 p. m.—20 Questions (WGN): Lulu McConnell, guest.

Variety 6 p. m.—Vaughan Monroe (WBBM): with Shirley Booth, Stroud Tully; "I Do, Do, Do Like You"; "I've Got You Under My Skin."

8:30 p. m.—East by East (WIBA): "The Worst Boy in School"; with Gary Donovan, Charlene Schaefer, Clayton Bessart, Bob Edland, Lois Fauerbach, Rosemary Anderson, Elsa Splett, Stanley Karls; music by Art Olson, ninth grade double trio; reading by Joan Thomas.

8 p. m.—Judy Canova (WIBA): christens a ship; music includes "The Sheik"; "My Adobe Hacienda."

8:30 p. m.—Grand Ol' Opry (WIBA): Rosalee Allen, champion yodeler, guest; "Waitin' Lives"; "Till Fly Away"; "Hait Till the Sun Shines, Nellie."

Ex-WAC Captain to File Petition Fighting Conviction

CHARLESTON, W. Va.—(U.P.)—The reason why she believes her conviction by a court martial for the theft of \$1,500,000 in Hesse crown jewels was invalid were to be explained by former WAC Capt. Kathleen Nash Durant, 43, in a petition to be filed today in U. S. district court here.

A writ of habeas corpus was granted her by Federal Judge Ben Moore, leaving the way open for resumption of her fight to escape the five year sentence imposed after an army trial. She was found guilty with her husband of looting the Kronberg castle at Frankfurt, Germany, of the royal gems.

Blanchardville Holds Exercises Thursday

BLANCHARDVILLE—Community exercises for Blanchardville high school seniors will be held Thursday night at the Blanchardville Lutheran church, with the Rev. Anthony P. Landgraf, Freeport, Ill., as the guest speaker.

Baccalaureate services will be held Sunday night in the Methodist church, the Rev. George Crow, pastor, officiating. Tuesday night, the graduating seniors will present their class night program.

Graduating class members are: Fred Andersoll, Donald Berg, Joyce Breiseth, Mary Erickson, Jeanette Gilberston, Gene Hendrickson, Louis Hermsman, Gus Hermanson, Avis Horner, Doris Johnson, Ruth Johnson, Louise Kammerud, Colleen Kelly.

Coast Guard to Tally Births of Ice Bergs

WASHINGTON—(U.P.)—The coast guard is going iceberg hunting this summer.

The cutter Mendota will leave Newfoundland about June 1 for a cruise along the west coast of Greenland, where icebergs are born.

Radio FREQUENCIES

Table with columns for station call letters and frequencies. Includes WBA 1210, WFL 1000, KNOX 1170, etc.

WIBA TONIGHT

Table listing programs for WIBA tonight, including 6:00 Youth Council, 6:30 Judy Canova, 7:00 Grand Ol' Opry, etc.

WHA TONIGHT

Table listing programs for WHA tonight, including 5:15 A Look at Australia, 5:30 Masterworks, 6:15 Dinner Musical, etc.

OTHER STATIONS TONIGHT

Table listing programs for other stations tonight, including Life of Riley, 20 Questions, Record Shop, etc.

WIBA SUNDAY

Table listing programs for WIBA Sunday, including 7:00 World Roundup, 7:15 Sports, 7:30 Sermons, etc.

WHA SUNDAY

Table listing programs for WHA Sunday, including 9:00 Concert Hour, 9:30 News, 10:00 News, etc.

OTHER STATIONS SUNDAY

Table listing programs for other stations Sunday, including Morning, Country Church, Married for Life, etc.

Tracy Sued for \$15,247

LOS ANGELES (U.P.)—Actor Spencer Tracy and his wife, Louise, Friday were named defendants in a \$15,247 damage suit filed by Atty. Philip B. Kebr for injuries allegedly received when he was struck Oct. 10 by an automobile driven by Mrs. Tracy.

Piano Pupils to Give Recital in Monticello

MONTICELLO—Mrs. H. A. Walters will present her piano pupils in a recital Sunday afternoon and night at the Evangelical United Brethren church.

Fifth in Jinxed Family Calls His Shot, Dies

WASHINGTON—(U.P.)—Before starting out on a swimming party, David Nicholson, 17, told friends: "I expect I'll be No. 5 on the jinx list."

His grandmother had died in January. A month later, his mother succumbed to shock in a dentist's chair. A first cousin died early this month, and his half-brother was killed in an automobile accident two weeks ago.

Maltese Investigators See Through Sportswear

VALLETTA, Malta—(U.P.)—White nylon bathing suits were banned from Malta's beaches today. The government ruled they were indecent.

Advertisement for 'Grin and Bear It' by Lichty, featuring a cartoon illustration of a man carrying a large bear on his back.