

Father's Day Recalls Ups And Downs Of Pop Since Stone Age

Dad has had his ups and downs throughout history.

He hasn't always been the popular guy who will be honored as Father's Day, Sunday, June 18.

Back in the Stone Age, for example, the "head man" was a tyrant. As he grew older, one of his sons usually disposed of him in a fierce hand-to-hand battle, and then "took over" the family.

The first known tribute to fatherhood was made by Elnes of Babylon. It was written on a clay tablet about 2000 B. C., and implored the gods to grant his father "good health and enduring days."

In Biblical times, it was considered a crime, punishable by death for a son to disagree with his father. Early Romans called down the curses of the ancestral Numinus, or family gods, on children who cut themselves loose from parental authority.

Among the ancient Greeks, when a son was old enough to marry, his father selected his wife for him — with no questions asked. The same belief in father's matrimonial wisdom was held in India where children were betrothed in childhood, and sometimes a young man was not permitted to unveil his bride until after the wedding ceremony.

But Indian women had their revenge. An odd law decreed that if a father got into debt, his wife could sell him into slavery to pay off the creditors.

And in the African Sudan, father definitely comes out second best. After bearing five children a wife may return to her parents leaving Pop to look after the kiddies.

On Palau Island in the South Seas, the ruling matriarch can have any male executed if he even disturbs her contemplation.

And near Sumatra, Dad has mother-in-law problems right from the start. He has to live with his wife's family. And if this weren't enough, children take their mother's name and only daughters inherit property.

In the United States, statistics show that women own an ever-increasing portion of the national wealth. Pop's in danger of becoming the "forgotten" man some sociologists believe.

But while he may be shorn of his tyrannical powers, the annual outpouring of affection with gifts and sentimental greeting cards shows that Pop's place in his family's heart is stronger than ever.

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Dennis Greene Is Named To Independent Trade Group

Announcement of the appointment of Dennis Q. Greene of the Greene's Furniture, at Boone as Chairman of the County Chapter of the National Federation of Independent Business, was made today by Dwight Houser, District Manager of the Federation in this area.

Each business and professional man member of this organization maintains a voting membership, and is polled by ballots regularly throughout the year on bills and issues that affect independent enterprise at the national and state levels.

In an effort to do everything possible to maintain the American way of life, and keep our free competitive system of business, the businessmen express their own personal opinion on the ballots each month and turn them over to Mr. Greene, who makes tabulations of the total number and the manner in which they voted.

These tabulations are sent, with the underlying signed ballots, directly to the desk of Congressman Alexander, at Washington, D. C., and to State Senator Winkler. They are the only means whereby independent business and professional people can keep in continuing, organized, personal, direct contact with their national and state legislators on measures that affect, locally and nationally, free enterprise opportunities.

\$250 Million Given To ACP

The USDA Appropriations Committee has reported out to the House floor an appropriation of \$250 million for the 1962 Agricultural Conservation Program, as against the recommendation of the Budget Bureau of only \$130 million.

Every year since 1954, in spite of strong opposition, the lawmakers have voted to continue the \$250 million figure. Agricultural leaders in Congress are well aware of the great need of conservation compared to the spending of similar amounts for projects of less importance.

It is noted that Congressman Hugh Q. Alexander was instrumental in securing the increase in the recommended appropriation.

Nazis Own Worst Enemies

In Columbia's "Mein Kampf," playing at the Appaloosa Theatre, June 20, 21, the most bitter and caustic comments on the deeds of the Nazis are uttered by the Nazi leaders themselves.

Skillfully arranged by writer-editor Erwin Laiser, this Swedish-made documentary account of the bloody rise and fall of Hitler's Reich shows sequences of the Reich's ruin against a background of the exultant speeches by Hitler, Goering, Goebbels, Hess and others which led the Nazis to their doom. "Our Invincible Army" howls the sound track—and you see 50,000 German prisoners and a number of generals driven through the streets of Moscow.

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COLLEGE DEGREE AT 53
North Hartland, Va.—After a lapse of 36 years, Mrs. Marguerite B. Maxfield, a grandmother, has a college degree.

Mrs. Maxfield left high school in her senior year and eloped. Then came 7 children and 16 grandchildren and the housewife's chores on a 700-acre, 130-cow dairy farm.

Mrs. Maxfield's advice to other grandmothers: Go to college and pursue new careers.

Blue laws studded with many exceptions.

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