

Kathleen Norris Says: Nation Threatened by Internal Corruption

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"Help your husband through the hard days of transition from wartime to peacetime, from the strange world that is the camp and battlefield to your sheltered world of gardens, telephone, bridge games and washing dishes."

By KATHLEEN NORRIS

WEAK AND SELFISH

Lonely, foolish war wives have been responsible for a lot of heartaches and broken homes. In some cases the consequences are even worse. Many times the returned veteran, unable to bear the realization that his wife has been unfaithful, kills or wounds her and her "lover." Such a case is the theme of today's article.

A San Francisco murder trial brought out these facts: A soldier returned to discover that his wife had been carrying on an affair with a man who had plenty of spending money because of his war plant job. She developed such affection for him that she was unwilling to give him up when her husband came back. She asked for a divorce. The husband, with rare forbearance, asked her to give the other man up for a year. She would also live apart from her husband, taking her two-year-old son with her. Then, at the end of the year, she would choose the man she wanted.

She agreed to this remarkable arrangement, but it was not long before she was seeing the "other man" again. When her husband heard about this second breach of faith, he could stand it no longer. He killed the other man in the "love nest." A jury quickly acquitted the outraged husband, but his life is ruined. So is his erring wife's. Their little boy, too, will have to suffer for his mother's selfishness.

contract new obligations — to betray.

These women ought to get it through their heads once and for all that separation is a hard thing, that loneliness is one of the inevitable trials of war, that men returning are tired, disillusioned, hurt in soul and body, and in no condition to listen to pathetic tales of newly discovered affinities with other men.

The homes of the nation are going to pay a very high price for these casual love-affairs. No enemy from without could ever injure us as deeply as will the slow, steady, penetrating destruction of our homes. It may not show on the surface, but it corrodes from within—the homeless, unwanted man pays for it, the demoralized and scattered children pay for it, and in the end the woman pays—pays all through the rest of her life.

If you happen to be a woman meditating upon just how you'll break the bad news to John, reconsider it. Believe me, within a very few years the new infatuation will lose its glamour, too, and then it will be too late to go back. Give your husband a chance! Help him through the hard days of transition from wartime to peacetime, from the strange world that is the camp and the battlefield, to your sheltered world of gardens and telephone and bridge games and wiping the dishes.

Unless hundreds — thousands — millions of American women are ready to take up this all-important work of preserving the home, and keeping the children there with mother and dad, we have indeed lost the war.

Navy's Diet Experiments.

Results of experiments in improving diet, conducted by the navy during the war can be applied to civilian life, says Dr. Clive M. McCay, professor of nutrition at Cornell U. and formerly a navy commander. He mentions the following in particular: the use of a superior type bread containing 6 per cent dry skim milk; development of better spreads and marmalades; increased use of dry yeast and higher standards of food sanitation.



CLAIMS WORLD'S SMALLEST COLT . . . Whoever heard of a 15-pound colt? But seeing is believing and above is "Cricket," 15 pounds of long legs, fuzzy hair and frisky-tail. Seven-year-old "Tiny," a 210 pound pony, believed to be the smallest matured pony in the world, gave birth to "Cricket." They are shown with their owner, Homer Houser, Dayton, Ohio, who raises colts and shows them at fairs.



ALREADY MAKING THEIR MARK ON THE WORLD . . . Piloted by nurse Anne Lambiasi, baby Marie Elena records her footprint on the hospital birth certificate, at the Long Island College hospital, Brooklyn, where the 22,000th mark was passed. Another newcomer to this vale of tears protests as he awaits his turn to put a footprint on the sands of time. At right, babies Marie Elena and Mildred Ann are initiated into the blackfoot tribe and seem contented. Movement has been underway for some time.



EXPARATROOPERS GO RIGHT ON 'CHUTING . . . When Lucius Rucker, left, and Fred Cole got out of the army, they thought they were through with parachutes. They had trained and dropped some 5,000 agents behind enemy lines in World War II.



WHALE OF A FISH—STORY! . . . Mildred Knight, Chicago, is amazed (and so are we) by the extremely rare "fur fish" exhibited by Pat Wilsie, Boulder Junction, Wis. The fur fish is one of three hippocampus specimens on record and there won't be another for 50 years. Wilsie is a member of the Burlington Liars club and claims the fish weighed 13 pounds when caught in waters 50 to 60 degrees below zero. It was 2 feet 6 1/2 inches long.



BROKE LA FOLLETTE TRADITION . . . For the first time in 40 years, a La Follette will not be a member of the U. S. senate at next session. This was assured by the defeat of Sen. Robert La Follette by Joseph R. McCarthy, for the Republican nomination. La Follette had recently rejoined the Republican party.



PAINTS WHILE SWIMMING . . . Prince Akahito, 14, who is spending his vacation at the Japanese royal family summer villa, is pictured as he draws while swimming. This is not a show-off stunt but part of his training.

IN THESE UNITED STATES

'Ham' Show Is Instrumental In Revamping Georgia Town

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Thirty years amidst hams and eggs is the reward of Otis S. Oneal, Negro extension worker at Fort Valley, Ga. Annually Oneal guides the farmers around Fort Valley, county seat town of 5,000, in staging a food show at which 500 to 600 home-cured hams are exhibited. This is in addition to more than 300 pieces of other cured meats and 250 dozen eggs packed in fancy cartons.

These topnotch hams come from hind quarters of peanut-fed or other well-nurtured hogs. They are the products of thrifty farm families in central Georgia who started out to lick the boll weevil through increased emphasis on diversified farming. Festooned around the stage, they make a show that smells as good as it looks; in fact, the aroma permeates the entire school auditorium where the exhibit is held, while visitors look and talk and smell.

Present Program.

Among main events of Ham and Egg Show week, usually held in the spring, are a demonstration program on foods for housewives, roundtable discussion on ham and egg production, home-written and produced pageant in which "The Hog, Hen and Mule Speak," and joint barbecue and folk music festival. Each number draws its share of the 1,000 or more visitors but laurels go to the afternoon and evening festival of secular music where players of banjos, guitars, mouth harps and many improvised instruments attract the attention of regional and national musicians. W. H. Handy, composer of "St. Louis Blues," has become a constant attendant at the show.

Interspersed between the various major events are quartet and choir selections of old spirituals and circular folk ballads. All are preceded by a curtain riser of Negro folk songs by the school children, "Chula-hu," "Just From the Country" or "Old Dinah's Dad."

Boosts Community.

In fostering this show during the past 30 years, Oneal and his co-workers practically have remade the town and its trade area.

There's a Community Fair on the downtown streets each fall. Fat cattle, corn, vegetables and fruits have taken on more significance on farms and in gardens through the entire community.

The idea grew out of Oneal's efforts to improve living conditions among Negro farmers. He had found that some families raised plenty of table food, others none. He had asked some who had to let him bring in those who had not "to see how it's done." Refused by one who didn't "want to be bothered with those triflin' neighbors," he hit on the Ham show idea and started in, taking three years "to get going." Since then, Fort Valleyites and many visitors even from outside Georgia, have seen, heard, smelled, tasted and felt the Ham show.

"Off We Go"

AVIATION NOTES

MANY VETS FLYING

Representing nearly one-third of total airline employment, more than 25,000 employees of United States scheduled airlines are veterans of World War II, figures compiled by the Air Transport association reveal. The veterans are working in a variety of jobs, ranging from flight and ground operations to sales and administrative positions.

While a considerable number of the airlines' war veteran employees are men and women who left the lines to serve with the armed forces and have returned to their old jobs, a much larger number are new employees hired under the policy adopted by the airlines to give preference to servicemen and women.

Several companies have inaugurated courses designed for rehabilitation of the physically handicapped, one concern reporting that it can use regularly as many as 1,000 veterans with amputations.

Courses of instruction also are provided in flight and ground operations, communications, maintenance and general administrative work.

In addition to veterans employed by airlines in this country, ATA member airlines operating in Alaska, Canada and the Caribbean area employ an additional 1,900 World War II veterans.

UP IN AIR

Mrs. Henrietta McGinnis, 72, of Chicago, went "up in the air" over the double wedding of her grandson and granddaughter in Minneapolis. She used the event as an excuse for taking her first plane ride, "something I've wanted to do for years," she added.

SOARING HIGH

Captured German gliders, including one reputed to be the only "flying wing" model, attracted widespread interest at the 13th annual national soaring contest at Elmira, N. Y. Some of the captured gliders were flown at the meet while others were only on display.

Army gliders of the type used in airborne operations during the war were towed by gallant old Boeing B-17 flying fortresses and tough little Douglas C-47s.

Hospital Diagnoses Patient's Ailment

As 'Broken Heart'

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—Hospital treatment for a broken heart was requested—and received—by a sad patient entering the accident ward of Atlantic City hospital.

Wesley Mingo, 30, New York railroad worker, at first complained only of acute "chest pains." After denying any previous history of heart or lung ailments, the patient said the pain might emanate from a broken heart.

He explained that he came to the resort city to marry a girl, but they quarreled and parted. The physician prescribed a mild sedative, and Mingo left for the boardwalk, his broken heart apparently improved.

Marine Insists War 'Chow' Is Appreciated

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH.—Two inseparable marine buddies have returned to Salt Lake City.

When William F. Simons, former private first class, returned to civilian life, he was accompanied by "McGregor," combination chow and police dog which was dubbed a "sergeant" in the marines.

The dog served as a night sentry at Bremerton, Wash., marine base. His former master was killed.



SKY GIANTS . . . A fleet of four-engine double-deck Boeing strato-cruisers of the type shown here has been ordered by United Airlines for use on its nationwide system and newly-authorized route to Hawaii.

FLYING HAZARD

Add to your list of flying hazards—birds. They are considered a definite danger even with bullet-proof windshields. Airlines pilots reported collisions with birds at the rate of two a day during 1944. Planes frequently encounter flocks of waterfowl, especially in migratory seasons, resulting in considerable damage to equipment. Most feared by pilots is the eagle. Weighing up to 15 pounds, the eagle will swoop down and dive smack through a steel wing.



She raised four lions . . .