

### Appreciation

We would like to express our appreciation to the people for the flowers sent in the death of our mother, and the courtesy extended us during our bereavement.

Gordon and Glenn Travis

Mrs. Judy Anderson of Va. is a patient at Davie Hospital. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Lewis are taking care of her son, David while she is hospitalized.



MORGANTON - An unresolved issue of the 89th Congress is the proposed Federal legislation to make it contempt of court to release for publication certain information about pending criminal

trials. In four days of hearings, August 17-21, before the Senate Judiciary Subcommittees on Constitutional Rights and Improvements in Judicial Machinery, I heard advocates and critics of S. 290 give testimony on this problem.

At issue is a clash of two fundamental constitutional principles -- the right of every individual to a trial by established, fair process of law and the right of the community to be informed, to know how the courts and law enforcement agencies are performing their duties, how well they are protecting society and how conscious they are of the rights of individuals they bring to justice. An accommodation between these two

### This Week's

### 60 SECOND SERMON

By Fred Dodge

"Mockery is the fume of little hearts." —Tennyson.

A customer walked into the owner's office and handed him a bouquet of flowers.

"These," he said, "are for your switchboard operator."

"Thank you, sir!" smiled the businessman. "You compliment our service."

"This is no compliment," declared the customer. "I thought she was dead."

Is there any greater display of selfishness than mockery? When we ridicule someone or something else, we are saying, "What a big person I am, compared with someone or something else." We must feel superior to be scornful.

Aside from exposing ourselves as posturing "big shots", ridicule has a more devastating result. Ridicule causes men to shrivel when their Creator planned that they should expand. They lose their self-respect under ridicule, become fearful, perhaps cowardly or they fight back in wild desperation.

Skill in ridicule is not an attribute of which to be proud. It degrades and discourages. It accomplishes evil. It does not exert any influence for good.

Leave ridicule for lesser men. Concentrate on believing in people, trusting and encouraging them, thereby aiding them to become all that they may hope to be. Can you wear a brighter crown?

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principles must be made in every society which has both a free press and due process of law.

In recent decades, as communications media have broadened their coverage the problem has intensified. At the same time, government has grown far beyond anything envisioned by our founding fathers. The press, as a result, has become a watchdog, but some individuals complain they have been bitten by it along the way.

S. 290, the "fair trial" bill introduced by Senator Morse and 14 other Senators, would make it contempt of court for any employee of the United States, or for any defendant or his attorney or agent of either, to furnish or make available for application information not already properly filed with the court which might affect the outcome of any pending criminal litigation, except evidence that has already been admitted at trial.

Consideration of the bill, however, raises the question of whether the 5th and 6th Amendments should restrain

guarantees provided for in the 1st Amendment. The 5th and 6th Amendments guarantee due process of law and trial by an impartial jury. The 1st Amendment states that Congress shall make no law respecting or prohibiting a free press or free speech. Advocates see the 5th and 6th Amendments as "superior" to the 1st Amendment.

In my judgment, none of

these important provisions should be diminished in weight at the expense of the other. Each is essential to a fair trial and to the preservation of liberty.

Until the assassination of President Kennedy there was less interest in the subject. But in the wake of emotional events that took place on that tragic occasion, press coverage of Oswald's and Ruby's acts brought reform sentiment. There is no doubt that pub-

licity can often make it difficult to obtain an impartial jury. However, I fear suppression of a free press. On balance, it remains a great bulwark against injustice and other evils.

Out of the Senate dialogue and companion studies by private groups should come more responsibility on the part of the press, the judiciary, and the bar in balancing these constitutional rights. This could bring a more practical

solution than legislation which, in this instance, presents formidable constitutional tasks.

If you think well of those who think well of you the score is even.

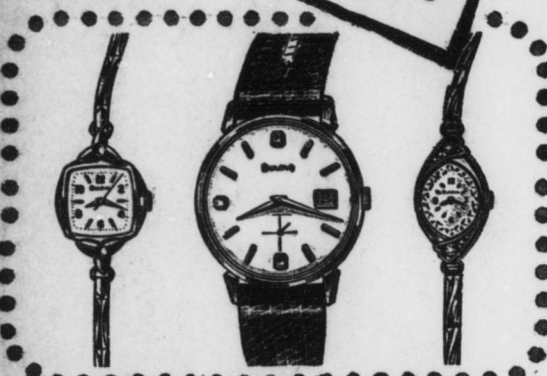
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