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Farewell To The Soldiers

Tomorrow will be a sad day for the Town of Dunn and for this section because tomorrow morning the 443rd Central Postal Directory will leave for Camp Lee—the last of the maneuver troops to go.

Departure of the troops is cause for real regret. Although they have been here for only a few months, they have come to seem as much a part of our town as the old-time residents.

The people of Dunn have had the privilege of getting acquainted with these fellows and many fine and lasting friendships have developed. There have been some marriages.

The soldiers found their places in our homes, in our churches and in all the other places and events of the community.

We can say without reservation that we've never known a finer group of fellows anywhere. Their conduct has been exemplary and they made a great contribution to our town and community.

Since the very day he arrived, Colonel Murdoch K. Goodwin has won the admiration, friendship and respect of all who came in contact with him. We believe he could be nominated as Dunn's "Citizen of the Year" without the least bit of trouble. Colonel Goodwin is a member of Philadelphia's largest law firm and will return to his lucrative law practices after he finishes his tour of duty in the reserves.

To Colonel Goodwin, to all the troops in his command, and to all the other soldiers who have enriched our lives by their stay in our section, we say: "Goodbye, Godspeed, God bless you and hurry back."

Don't Miss That Meeting

The Dunn Parent-Teacher Association will hold its first meeting of the new school year tomorrow night, and President Joe Leslie is hard at work trying to round up a decent attendance at this meeting.

It ought not to be necessary for the president of the PTA or anybody else to have to encourage citizens—particularly parents—to attend every meeting of the PTA.

The PTA is an organization working for you, your children, your neighbor's children, and for all the children of future years. It is pledged to secure better educational facilities and better education.

You owe it to yourselves, to the children and to the community to be at this meeting. Even if you have no children in school, you ought to be interested enough in the welfare of your community to attend.

Says Being 100 Isn't So Strange

WORCESTER, Mass. (AP)—How does it feel to be a centenarian? "It's a great curiosity to be 100," says Mrs. Martha A. Brennan. "Why it's so funny I don't know. My paternal grandmother lived to be 92 and I never thought I'd be that old. I don't remember ever seeing anybody who was 100—only myself. And I don't feel any different."

Refused a Drink, She Sues Tavern

VALPARRISO, Ind. (AP)—Mrs. Jeanne Brueckheimer asked \$25,000 damages of a tavern owner because he refused to serve her a glass of wine. She said the bartender was wrong when he accused her of being drunk. She had stopped into the tavern, Mrs. Brueckheimer said, on her way home from a church social function.

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These Days



By **Sokolsky**

"MY SIX CONVICTS"

Years and years ago, when I was a young fellow still at college, I got me a job with an outfit called "The National Committee on Prisons and Prison Labor." That experience whetted my appetite for this gruesome subject, so that I often read books which relate themselves to prisons and prisoners.

During those years, I read deeply in the subject of penology and came in contact with some very remarkable men who either were seeking to change prison systems or who had been convicts. Once when I needed some tutoring in a few difficult subjects, a brilliant ex-convict, a man of the most profound learning, aided me. Not all convicts are bad men, although most have a foolish side; not all bad men are in jail.

So, I read a book called "My Six Convicts," by Donald Powell Wilson, described as a psychologist who had studied convicts at Fort Leavenworth penitentiary. The author says:

"Out of deference to my administrators and colleagues whom I held in great respect, and to the prisoners themselves, six of whom comprised my regular staff of assistants, I have indulged literary license in the use of names, places and dates, and in the development of some of the episodes recorded."

Well, I did not get excited about this book one way or the other until I read an article by Louis Mesalonghites on "My Six Convicts" in "The Prison World," the official publication of the American Prison Association and National Jail Association. The foreword Louis Mesalonghites I know well in King Features and regard him as capable of meticulous accuracy.

So Mesalonghites wrote of "My Six Convicts":

"... Dr. Wilson says in his preface that the book is partly fictional, although the book's jacket claims that all of the events actually occurred, including the safe-cracker's holiday."

He writes:

"Dr. Wilson spent twenty months, not three years, at Fort Leavenworth.

"No prisoner was stabbed to death in the prison yard, as described on page 2.

"Wilson claims to have given a psychological examination to Al Capone. Capone was never in Fort Leavenworth.

"The safe-cracker incident—shades of Jimmy Valentine—did not take place at Fort Leavenworth, and it is doubtful if that ever happened in any prison.

"There was no prison break at Fort Leavenworth as Wilson says. His description of Fort Leavenworth's physical plant is inaccurate; with it he has mixed some features of the Joliet Penitentiary."

"E. R. Cass, general secretary of the American Prison Association, and James V. Bennett, director, United States Bureau of Prisons, also oppose the book. Cass said:

"... The acceptance of the book by a gullible public is deplorable and a source of discouragement to those who have brought the federal prison system to a high level of operation and leadership."

"Much of the book is devoted to pulling out old chestnuts and repeating a few canards which Dr. Wilson in his naivete accepted as fact and all of the melodramas are pure fiction put together in true Hollywood, grade B routine, style. The book is replete with fanciful stories, not one of which is true or has any basis in fact."

Stanley M. Rinehart, Jr., the publisher of this book, who is a very competent man, quotes to me in rebuttal the following:

"In case you didn't read Austin McCormick's review in the June issue of 'Federal Probation,' he says among other things:

"There is no question that the book has helped create a more favorable climate for correctional progress. I am continually being asked by laymen what I think of the book and invariably find that they enjoyed reading it and that their attitude toward prisoners as a whole and toward what prisons can accomplish in the way of rehabilitation has been decidedly changed for the better by reading it."

John Selby, editor-in-chief of the publishing house, says:

Wilson at no point ever claimed that his book was a minutely accurate history of his service at Leavenworth, and I don't believe it is fair to judge him or the book as if this claim had been made.

I conclude that this book is not a psychological or a sociological study but is a journalistic historical effort with a prison background. Therefore, while it is interesting, it can not take it seriously.

MISTER BREGER



"A penny—uh—I mean a QUARTER for your thoughts, dear..."



By ED SULLIVAN

MY SECRETARY, AFRICA SPEAKS

Dear Boss—Gen. MacArthur will tour the country during the Presidential campaign in 1952 for the GOP candidate, providing that candidate is Senator Robert Taft... Lord Montgomery will visit Yugoslavia and confer with Tito on his military problems... Joan Crawford to spend her Christmas holiday with her four youngsters in N. Y... Tatis Guinness, the ex-Mrs. Howard Dietz, honeymooning in Biarritz with Teddy Phillips... Sol Hurok back from Europe... Mike DiSalle bowing out as OPS boss, November 1... Edward Arnold, who's getting married to Cleo McCann, okayed by his cardiologist.

If the Cleveland Indians cop the American League pennant, Cleveland will be a madhouse as far as hotel accommodations are concerned. Two conventions are booked for World Series time. Reservations were made more than a year ago. One of the conventions is the National Funeral Directors Association... Elizabeth Scott and Herb Coen serious. The Phil Wilkies expect a November Stork... A boy for the Robert Wilentzes... Clair due to return as Christmas annual... N. Y. Democratic State Chairman Paul Fitzpatrick, widower has sold his palatial home in Buffalo, and will live in an apartment there.

King George may recuperate in Nassau, Bahamas or Jamaica, B. W. I... Publisher stuck with 50,000 copies heralding Chicago White Sox as wonder team of AL... The Dave Garraway-Rosemary Cloney romance serious... Kenneth McEldowney, producer of "The River," heading back to India to make another movie... They are calling Jim Farley "Chief" now, since he was adopted and made chief of the Iroquois tribe at the Syracuse State Fair... Piper Laurie switched to Charlie Simopelli... The Jim Conkling (Donna King) named her Donna Alessandra... Summer tans fading... New York Foundling Hospital's 82d annual bazaar, September 28-30.

October Storks winging to the Tyrone Powers, the Franklin D. Roosevelt Jr., the Yankees' Spec Shea... Marshal Petain's memoirs readied by his widow... Shipwreck Kelly plagued by a displaced vertebra... Chester Morris' son, Brooks, graduated as a lieutenant in the AAF, now flying F-80 jets... Dick Powell signed as a director by Paramount... The Carroll Francis Tracy and is ex-Dartmouth footballer... Mulberry Street a beehive of activity now that the famous Sanguenaro Fiesta is on... Orchestra leaders Charley Ventura and Chubby Jackson expectant dads... Sure sign of Fall: Pumpkin pie back in bakery shops... Carleton E. Morse sails to Paris on the Liberte, Tuesday.

Dear Mr. Sullivan: Jersey Joe Walcott made good his promise and visited the blind boys at Valley Forge and Eddie Dworckek met Joe DiMaggio. Sincerely, Kathryn Dworckek, Eddie's mother... Al Rosen, Cleveland third baseman, is a native of Miami, Fla... Of Jewish parentage, he is a Catholic. At the plate you'll notice he makes the sign of the cross with his bat... Summer stock kids jamming stem dig stores... That old Harry's Moon cowhand, Vaughn Monroe, takes his band into the Garden October 8 for two weeks as the feature attraction of the rodeo... Jockey's Guild shindig, Waldorf, on the 29th with Arcaro, Atkinson, McCreary, Woodhouse.

LYNN NISBET: Around Capitol Square

DUBLICATING—Refusing to admit discouragement in effort to reduce unauthorized use of State-owned motor vehicles, Governor Scott has named a new committee to work on the program of curbing the proliferation of duplicating processes. In other words, study will be made of the possibility of setting up around Capitol Square a central workshop for mimeographing, duplicating, multilithing and other types of duplicating processes, instead of having each department—and in some cases divisions within departments—maintain separate and independent duplicating services. The governor has been informed that the State has an investment of around \$200,000 in this kind of equipment in Raleigh, and that casual check has disclosed the busiest machines operate only seven hours—out of a total of approximately 170 working hours a month. Some of the equipment is in use only two or three hours a week. Obviously that represents waste that should be eliminated as nearly as possible.

WASTE—It is also true that the more the better. Likewise there are some places of duplicating equipment designed for special jobs which naturally cannot be used by any other agency, and is required for only occasional short runs. The governor isn't concerned about that type of machine, although thorough check might disclose useless duplication in investment even in these special duty items.

SPECIAL—Governor Scott is quick to agree that some machines, designed for special purposes (perhaps the most expensive of the lot) are required for only occasional use. This type of equipment falls into comparable category with the daily newspaper press. By far the largest and most expensive piece of mechanical equipment used in printing operations is the daily newspaper press. It costs in the neighborhood of \$1,000,000 and runs three hours of the 24-hour day five months of the year, which is

Local Church

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has moved from Dunn.

Four of them, Mr. Manning, Mr. Nixon, Mrs. Nixon and Mrs. Arthur Northcutt, will be ordained on October 7 as this is their first term. The others have already been ordained.

Mack M. Jernigan is chairman of the board. Election of a new chairman by the new board will take place at an early meeting of the group, Mr. Russell said.

lost time in sending copy, checking proofs, and delivering finished product between the various offices and a central workshop might amount to more than savings in some instances. When all these contingencies are considered—and it is the duty of the committee to appraise them—there is main glaring instances of waste in idle machines and operators. This is true not only of duplicating equipment but with respect to typewriters for making original copies. The mere fact that a machine is idle does not mean it is unnecessary. It does suggest advisability of study to see if further production can be realized from its investment. The study might well go deeper and seek to ascertain how much of the production now being obtained has any real value.

PRINTING—Governor Scott is not the first to recognize waste in this area of governmental activity, no one admits that potential savings here are less than can be realized in the printing of departmental reports and publications. In 1934 Rep. W. E. Horner of Lee secured passage of a resolution calling for a study of the State's printing bill for departmental and institutional periodicals and periodical reports. He was named chairman of the commission and soon thereafter called upon the several department and institutional heads to submit copies of their periodic publications, such as statistical reports, bulletins, magazines, etc. The material, in paper packages, cardboard cartons and wood boxes. It wasn't long before Horner's newspaper shop at Sanford was so jammed with samples, he could hardly function in his regular business operations. He and his committee looked at the boxes and at some of the samples, and made their report to the governor and the General Assembly. Gist of the report was they knew there was entirely too much of the stuff, that a lot of it was of questionable time they had available nothing like a full study or adequate recommendation could be made. That ended that, and the printing bill continues to mount each year.

NON-TAX—Another problem facing those who seek to eliminate waste by centralized control is the attitude of certain departments which claim they are not supported by "taxes," but by license and other fees which they collect themselves. Some officials of the Wildlife Resources Commission have said they should not be held accountable in the same way other departments are, because their revenue comes from hunting and fishing license fee. The highway commission has pleaded exemption in some instances because their revenue is derived from special levies on motorists in the form of gasoline gallonage tax and automobile license plates. Although coming within purview of the budget act and the purchase and contract division, these agencies—particularly the highway commission—have been granted exceptional treatment in some instances, which have led to demand in other quarters that all special funds should be abolished and all the money collected by the state from any source and by any method be integrated into one general fund from which all appropriations would be made on basis of need and without regard to source of income.

EXTRAVAGANCE—Everybody at all familiar with governmental practices from Potomac to Washington, knows there is wasteful extravagance that would not be tolerated in private business. Any attempt to reduce this waste has general support among the citizenry. The attempt will be more successful if estimate of possible savings are kept within reason. Practical people are inclined to lose interest when claims are made that more can be saved than has been appropriated for the purpose. The Scott administration has demonstrated that real economy does not consist in not spending money. Much larger appropriations than ever before for the revenue department have resulted in closer tax collections, yielding substantial profit to the state. Larger appropriations for the budget bureau have resulted in closer check on spending, saving money for the state in the overall picture. More adequate supervision of state property, including automobiles and mimeograph machines, can effect further savings. The situation definitely calls for thorough study. It does not call for blanket indictment of every employee as a petty grafter, or advances claims of multimillion dollar savings amounting to more than aggregate appropriations for all the services included in the study.

Frederick OTHMAN

PALMA DE MAJORCA, Spain—I'll not give you the business about this being one of the world's most beautiful islands, surrounded by blue water so clear you see the fish glaring back at you. The movie travelogues have been taking care of that department for years. More important, I think, is how the islanders have thrown away their gasoline tanks and weaned their automobiles. Driving a car here costs nothing, so long as you own a few almond trees.

What happened was that Hilda and I flew here from Madrid in an elderly and dignified DC-3 of the Iberia Lineas Espanolas. The crew wore white uniforms (with a few smudges of grease); the steward looked like an admiral complete with epaulettes, while the captain had a magnificent big blue and gold medal with a blue ribbon pinned on his chest. On the door of the ship was a large silver plaque, which said that General Francisco Franco traveled in her once, back in 1948. This made us feel a good deal better.

So we skimmed across the hills and plains of Spain, mostly barren at this time of year, flew over the Mediterranean for about an hour, and landed at an airport here, where nearly all the local taxis were spouting smoke and flame. Kind of scared Hilda.

We wound up in the Maribel Hotel, which is an especially lush place on the beach, and I got to worrying about those fiery sedans. So I rented one. It turned out to be a 1931 Cadillac with running boards and all I can say is that the Standard Oil Co. had better get into the almond business while there yet is time. Obviously, there is no future for gasoline. My Cadillac came with a combined engineer and fireman. A good thing, too, because he was a very busy fellow. On the roof he carried a large sack of almond shells for fuel.

Hilda says she thinks I ought to be Majorcan correspondent for the paper so we could settle down to a lifetime of soaking up luxury at flop-house rates. Me, I think it's too good to last. And anyhow, nothing has happened in Majorca, so I send a reporter to his typewriter since the 16th Century when a Frenchman invaded the place. What do you think he did then? Invented mayonnaise, that's what, and never even apologized for it.

Some day back in Washington when the lawgivers are using too many words to say nothing much, I'll tell you about Count Mahon, the mayonnaise man, who's kept his rosy nose on sliced tomatoes and lettuce ever since.

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Then he stoked into an iron furnace, boiled onto the rear of the car. When they got to burning good and spewing flames in our wake, they turned into a kind of red-hot charcoal, which gave off a combustible gas. This was pumped directly to the engine, bypassing the carburetor. The danged thing ran, too.

Only on the hills did she falter. Then my fireman pushed a button on his dash and from a two-quart tank under the hood trickled in a little gasoline to get us over the bumps. On level ground the almond shells provided the power and since this island produces more almonds than any similar-sized place on the globe, motorcar fuel costs nothing at all.

This is not all in the bargain department. This place is cluttered with dukes and duchesses from all over Europe. It is said to be one of the most fashionable watering places on the continent. How. They can't fool me.

The reason high society has moved here en masse simply is because it costs very little to take the Majorcan sun. Take this hotel of ours, which is one of the two luxury establishments on the island. We're paying top price for the works, including lots of waiters in white coats to shake cool drinks, some especially fancy scenery from an assortment of terraces, room with twin beds and tiled bath, and three over-powering meals per day. The tariff is \$5 each.

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