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Your Chamber of Commerce

A GUEST EDITORIAL BY CLARENCE E. McLAMB President, Dunn Chamber of Commerce

I am happy to have this opportunity to write a guest editorial in The Daily Record today in connection with the annual membership drive of the Dunn Chamber of Commerce.

In doing so, however, I am writing it not as president of the Chamber of Commerce but as a business man who appreciates the chamber and the work which it is doing. My appreciation of the Chamber of Commerce started long before I ever thought of holding an office in the organization.

I can remember when the town didn't have a chamber and how badly we needed one. As all of you know, our place of business is on the highway. Before the town had a chamber, tourists would stop frequently to ask for information.

Sometimes, we had the information readily available, sometimes it took time and trouble to get it. We always make it a point to be courteous and polite to the visitors so we always rounded up the information no matter how much trouble it was.

Now, we can just direct them to the Chamber of Commerce office. That's a mighty small thing, perhaps—but a good example of the many services rendered by the chamber every day.

I first became enthusiastic about the Chamber of Commerce when the movement got underway to secure a tobacco market for Dunn. I wasn't as close to the chamber then as I am today, but I was aware of the great amount of work done by the chamber and am now in a position to see the amount of work the chamber does to assist the tobacco market.

The tobacco market means that approximately four or five million dollars are paid out here every year by the tobacco market.

What helps one business firm helps all of us, so the money gets around and we all get our share.

Being in the farm machinery business and serving the farmers of this section, we are naturally keenly interested in farming and are keen to sense the farmers' needs, and we know how most farmers feel about things.

Perhaps the merchant who sells dry goods, groceries or drugs doesn't realize it, but those fat stock shows, hog sales, produce market sales, and other events designed to attract the farmers to Dunn have meant much to the farmers here and also to the town.

The farmer used to have to take his hogs to Smithfield or Clinton. Dunn's hog market—thanks to the efforts of the Chamber of Commerce in getting it here—now buys approximately a million dollars worth of hogs every year.

Think of the thousands of farmers who come to Dunn simply because they have business at the R. E. A. office here—and don't forget that the R. E. A. was brought to Dunn through efforts of the Chamber of Commerce. The local REA office has a payroll of \$89,246.84 a year (those were the figures for last year) and last year 11,588 visits were made to the offices here.

Those farmers who came to Dunn bought gas and oil, farm supplies, food, clothing and all the other commodities. And if you didn't get any of the farm business, you no doubt got some business from some of the merchants who did.

There are still many things the town needs—more industries, more recreational facilities, more facilities for the farmers. In fact, just about more of everything.

Nobody claims that the Chamber of Commerce has accomplished wonders; nobody claims that the chamber has done all it could or ought to do. The important thing is that the Chamber of Commerce is at work for you every day and has made substantial progress. Many projects are under way at all times.

With your help, with your support, the Chamber will continue to make progress.

Remember, the Chamber of Commerce is working for you. Like every organization, it requires money for its operation. Expenses are held to a minimum and those you have elected to represent you stretch the dollars as far as they'll go.

We would do more things if we had more money. For example, we need to run some small ads in The New York Times and other northern papers to try to get more industries to Dunn. Promotion always takes money.

Throughout the years, a majority of business firms have maintained memberships in the chamber—ranging all the way from \$12.50 a year to \$250 a year.

Those who have been shouldering the burden receive no more benefits than those who ride along without carrying their share of the responsibility.

The business men will not regard membership in the chamber as an expense, but as an investment. That's what it really is.

Remember, "We'll Get More Done If We Work Together." If you aren't doing your part, let's fall in line and help build a bigger and better Dunn.

An investment of a few dollars in your chamber is an investment in your business and your future.

MISTER BREGER



By Sokolsky THE AGE OF SPECTATORS On the eve of Lincoln's Birth-day, I talked to my children about Abraham Lincoln; I asked them whether they pledged allegiance to the flag; whether they put on plays to commemorate national holidays. No, they had become spectators rather than actors.

The WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND BY DREW PEARSON

Chico, Calif. — Traveling across the U. S. A. these days you are struck with a new cynicism on the part of the American public. It's a rebellious cynicism, inclined to lay all our troubles on the doorstep of Washington and a feeling of frustration, of disgust with corruption, and weariness with the Korean War. It's an atmosphere that lends itself to any flag-waver or tub-thumper who wants to take advantage of this cynicism by running for office.

This is exactly the atmosphere that swept a lot of Democratic screwballs into office with the anti-Hoover tide of Roosevelt victory in 1932. And it may sweep a lot of Republican screwballs into office this fall.

The dangerous part of the current feeling has been a certain disillusionment with our electoral system. Folks are resentful of the bosses in both parties and they figure that though President Truman probably didn't mean to blurt out what he did about "eyewash" primaries, nevertheless he was telling the truth.

On the other hand there is growing interest in the proposal of Sen. Paul Douglas of Illinois and Rep. Charles Bennett of Florida to hold a nation-wide presidential primary, which, though not binding on the delegates, might put a crimp in the party bosses and prevent the traditional picking of presidents in the 3 a. m. quiet of a smoke-filled room.

The smuggest thing Mr. Truman could do, in view of his eyewash remark and this public cynicism is to exert some altruistic leadership and help put across the Douglas-Bennett nation-wide primary.

MEANWHILE, here is the rollcall of states conducting eyewash primaries or conventions plus some of those which do not:

BOSSED DELEGATES — In five states it's a fact that the people have no say whatever in the selection of delegates attending the presidential conventions. In Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Georgia, and Louisiana, the delegates are chosen by party leaders and are simply told how they are to vote.

IN 27 other states democracy fares little better. These states for the most part follow the plan of state conventions, where the party bosses can railroad the selection of delegates. The bigger states which follow this hand-me-down convention system are: Michigan, Iowa, Indiana, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Tennessee, Alabama, Texas and Virginia.

BEST PRIMARY — The state generally conceded to have the best primary system is Oregon, where presidential aspirants are

unable to keep their name off the ballot if they feel they won't make a good showing. Eisenhower's name, for instance, has been kept out of the Wisconsin primary on the belief that he wouldn't make a good showing there but in Oregon, any candidate's name can be entered without his permission, which makes for a genuine popular test.

NEBRASKA voters had the same "free filing" privilege until 1951 when a reactionary legislature abolished it.

NEW HAMPSHIRE, in connection with which, President Truman used his eyewash term, happens to have one of the nation's fairer primaries, though somewhat complicated by the town meeting system.

BOSS FLYNN'S BALLTICK — In New York, which controls the largest bloc of delegates and therefore is most influential in nominating our presidential candidates, the delegates do not have to reveal which candidate they favor. Thus, when New Yorkers vote in a primary, they are forced to vote for pledged party stooges. They do not know whether those delegates will favor Truman, Kefauver or Stevenson; all they know is that the delegates will vote the way Flynn of the Bronx and State Chairman Paul Fitzpatrick tell them to.

JAPANESE newspapers are fed up on American soap operas showing the democratic way of life. . . . Actually, anything truly approaching the way of life in a democracy is pretty exciting. For example, "The Mystery of the Mink Coats" is a thrilling national drama; "Who Had Custody of the Alien Property Custodians" is a serial about to unfold before a breathless nation. . . . The faps, however, have no State Mink Wick. They are perfectly willing to share the American taxpayer's dollar. There is no reason why they shouldn't understand some of his afflictions—like soap operas.

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Walter Winchell In New York

By JACK LAIT

Substituting for Winchell. Senator O'Connor of Maryland has waged a long and losing battle against "business as usual" with Red Russia. He reported that there was a "decided reluctance" among our allies to stop the flow of American strategic material to the Red army through free ports. . . . How sick the American public is of being told it is money-mad—when it sees friends and enemies alike selling and buying an ounce for the very dollar they say WE worship!

At Cincinnati, Sec'y Finletter of the Air Force said he expected we would have 143 wings in three years. "There is real hope," he said, "that any nation which might consider attacking us will not do so because of the fear of the counter-attack it would receive." For supporting Finletter's rejected request for 70 Air Groups three years ago, some Cincinnati editors called us a pseudo-expert armistist, which is not important. . . . What is important now is that we'll have to wait three years—before the lost time is made up.

The President has announced stepped-up plans for atomic expansion. . . . The atomic energy discoveries of the last decade will change the world more than all the wars and all the diplomats put together. . . . Napoleon was the mightiest political figure of the last century—but the then new steam engines and a telegraph changed the world more than all of its armies combined. . . . The same energy men are creating to blow down cities will be used a hundred years from now to pump fresh water lakes over the mountains to make the Sahara and Mohave deserts bloom. By then, men will know how to beat their steel into plowshares without first making a sword.

Hiram Bingham, head of the government's Loyalty Board, declares there is evidence of a systematic plot to infiltrate Columbus in top gov't jobs. Evidence! There already have been CONVICTIONS!

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The Worry Clinic

By DR. GEORGE W. CRANE

Poets may praise Rosalie's behavior, but psychologists regard it as a foolish waste of an attractive personality. Learn how to forget your unfortunate love affairs of yesterday. Don't rehearse them each night as Rosalie does.

CASE G-383: Rosalie M., aged 22, is a lovely San Francisco girl. "Dr. Crane, she fell in love with a young engineer a year ago," her brother informed me. "They seemed very much attached to each other and we expected them to get married. "But the man got involved with another girl of the wrong kind. He married the other girl and the child was born.

"I am wondering if in your opinion, Dr. Crane, it is his duty to remain with this other girl the rest of his life, or do you feel that he owes Rosalie some happiness?"

"The tragedy of the affair is that Rosalie sits around and broods. She is still as much in love with him as before all this happened."

The best thing for Rosalie to do in this case is to forget the man and chart her course toward some other romantic destination in the future. "But how can I forget?" she will cry, with tearful eyes and an aching heart.

Well, the only way to get one idea out of the focus of your attention I sto put another one there. We cannot concentrate on two ideas at the same moment. Rosalie must not astinane and the same moment.

How TO FORGET It is tragic when we are jilted

Mary Hawthorth's Mail By America's Foremost Personal Affairs Counselor

DEAR MARY HAWORTH: I am 32 and unhappily married. I tried to back out before the wedding, but Jim pleaded and begged. I turned in desperation to a relative, who was shocked at first, then laughed and said all brides feel that way before the ceremony. So I went through with it, 10 years ago; but I lost all respect for Jim, for having no pride, as he knew I had no love for him.

It wasn't too bad at first. I was content with my little apartment, fixing it up, and I felt secure. When I started to feel helpless, trapped and unhappy again I had a child, which kept me busy. Then I had a nervous breakdown, and I kept crying and wanting to run away. Now I have two beautiful children (ages nine and five) admired by everyone, and Jim and I are so proud of them; but still I have that feeling of wanting to get away.

I know you'll despise me and think me conceited, but I have a terrible feeling that I could have done better than Jim; and people sometimes wonder what I saw in him, which depresses me. I long for a husband whom I could love, respect, and be proud of, and this has become an obsession with me. Recently I begged Jim to let me go and he first hesitated kindly. Then he got furious and said I was crazy and told me to go alone. But he knows I can't leave the children; so again I have that terrible, trapped feeling.

Later I burst out crying to a relative and asked her help; and she said the only solution is to accept the situation and make the best of it. She told me to forget love as a lost cause, live for my children, pray, and go out more socially. I have tried this; but when an attractive man is attentive to me, I think of what might have been and get depressed again. My relative recommended reading, and religious books are helpful; but psychology books frighten me as they warn insanity from this trapped feeling—and advise separation from the person who causes it. What do you think?

N. R. of Gen'l Robert E. Lee, right where it belongs, alongside the portrait of Gen'l U. Grant. . . . Gen'l Taylor said the codebook was a symbol of our national unity. The fact of our national unity has been demonstrated ever since 1865. No major battle of the Republic—from San Juan Hill to Korea—has been fought without Southern regiments in the van.

BOSTON IS—A Boston antique shop displays this sign: "If you break it, you've bought it." North Carolina is the only state that maintains all its state highways.

POISON

From a paper bag. She poured the contents of one jar into the other, stirred the mixture and drank quickly. She turned to the chair left and said "It's too late." She added, "I think I'm too late." She added the mixture to the floor. She was dead when a priest reached her. In her hand she held a note. It read: "I have given you a taste of Death, brother heart. If you are so dead, as I am, it is too late."

NATIONAL BANK



Whom do I see about borrowing on an overdrafts account?