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GOD IS MERCIFUL: Thou art a God ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness.—Nehemiah 9:17.

EDITOR'S CODE

It is interesting to note how the average newspaper writer's convictions about his own code of conduct seem to be universal, even in countries in which the "freedom of the press" has never been developed as a legal principle.

An instance is the case of Joseph Dennigan, political writer for Eamon de Valera's newspaper. The Irish Press, who has refused to disclose to a military tribunal in Dublin today the source of information on which he wrote that members of an association banned by the government would have a short period of grace to abandon membership.

Court adjourned to allow Mr. Dennigan to communicate with his editor. When the session resumed he maintained his attitude of refusal, was sentenced to a month's imprisonment and was removed from the court by a military escort.

Not a year goes by that we do not have such cases popping up in our own courts, our boasted freedom of the press to the contrary.

A writer publishes something to embarrass the great or to suggest a leak in confidences given in inner circles. The publication may be in all respects true and something it is desirable that the public know, but the courts in such instances are all too ready to insist that the source of the information be disclosed.

The editor worth his salt in such case flatly refuses to obey orders and a judge trying to make good a threat sentences him to jail for contempt.

It is not to be imagined that newspapers in the Irish Free State enjoy freedom of the right to print news and to make comment, as we understand it. But a free press is on the way even there when there can be found editors as Dennigan possessed of the moral courage not to betray confidences, even if jail doors open on the refusal.

A priest cannot be compelled to disclose what is said in the confessional. A lawyer or a doctor can hold sacred the confidential communication of a client. Why, if the freedom of the press is to be a real thing, should not the editor have the right to print in the public interest truths with which he would not have been entrusted except under the pledge of secrecy?—Raleigh Times.

My New York by JAMES ASWELL. New York, Jan. 10.—From a Scribbed Cuff: New York is going through the most intensive drive on panhandlers in the memory of this reporter.

Shifty-eyed unfortunates, haunting street corners, will hastily change their tune to "have you the time, please?" at a glimpse of a uniform. But Manhattan streets are plagued increasingly by the ancient and lost sisterhood, a sort of backwash of the depression. In 1929 these pathetic waifs were so conspicuous by their absence that visitors remarked the town as the cleanest, in this respect, in the world, regardless of size.

When they disappear once more, then the recovery can be hailed authoritatively as accomplished fact.

Mayor La Guardia dresses with less care than any city chief executive in a generation. Finicky representatives of the Beau Brummell set are distressed to discover, when coming into close contact with the mayor, that he wears clothes which bear evidence of having been worn two or three times before.

SAFETY FIRST Shopkeepers, aware that they may be sued by pedestrians who slip and injure themselves on icy pavements, pass some uneasy moments as the thermometer drops.

One bearded pawnshop dealer in the lower East Side is, I notice, talking no chances. He has roped off the sidewalk for several feet either side of his store and hung a "Danger" sign on the rope.

Of all New York theaters, the Hippodrome has had the most vigorous revival in past months. Auctioned last year for a small sum, compared to the assessment of the big house in its prime, it took to opera for the masses and larrupped back into the limelight with huge box-office receipts and profits.

TODAY

TODAY'S ANNIVERSARIES 1762—Julien Debuque, Iowa's first white settler, trader in fur and miner of lead, born in Canada. Died in Iowa, March 24, 1810.

1769—Marshal Ney, Napoleon's famous general, born. Executed Dec. 7, 1815.

1814—Aubrey De Vere, Irish poet, essayist, patriot, born. Died Jan. 21, 1902.

1820—Louisa Lane Drew, famed actress, born in England. Died at Larchmont, N. Y., July 2, 1897.

1834—Jon Acton (Lord Acton), noted English historian, born. Died June 19, 1902.

1840—Cardinal Begin, Primate of the Catholic Church, born in Quebec. Died there, July 19, 1925.

1841—George W. Melville, American rear-admiral one of the founders of our modern navy, born in New York. Died in Philadelphia, March 17, 1912.

1847—Jacob H. Schiff, noted New York City Jewish banker and philanthropist, born in Germany. Died Sept. 25, 1920.

TODAY IN HISTORY 1765—Historic Stamp Act, ultimately leading to the American Revolution, introduced in British Parliament.

1840—England's famous Penny Postage Act in effect.

1917—William F. Cody (Buffalo Bill) died aged 70.

1923—All American troops on Rhine ordered home.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS Walter S. Gifford, president of the American Telephone and Telegraph company, born at Salem, Mass., 49 years ago.

Guy T. Helvering of Kansas, U. S. Commissioner of Internal Revenue, born at Felicity, Ohio, 56 years ago.

Former U. S. Senator Reed Smoot of Utah, born in Salt Lake City, 72 years ago.

Arthur C. Needles, president of the Norfolk and Western Railway, born in Baltimore, 67 years ago.

Dr. William P. Merrill of New York president of the World Alliance for International Friendship, born at Orange, N. J., 67 years ago.

Admiral Jehu V. Chase, U. S. N., retired, born at Pattersonville, La., 65 years ago.

Long Prison Sentences Given By Judge Barnhill

Robert Gooch Gets Five To Seven Years in Penitentiary for Slaying of His Wife

OAKLEY TO ROADS FOR 10-YEAR TERM

Rape Charge Reduced To Assist on FemaleWSW Assault on Female; Earl Roebuck Sent to Pen Five Years for Bigamy; James Cole Gets 18 Months on Roads for Breaking

Long prison sentences were meted out to defendants in Vance Superior Court Tuesday afternoon and today by Judge M. V. Barnhill, presiding over the one week term for trial of criminal cases only.

Robert Gooch, Negro, who was charged with choking his wife to death in their home in the Flint Hill section of the city on a Sunday night last fall was convicted and given not less than five and not more than seven years in State Prison.

Dan Oakley white man, charged with rape, was tried on a reduced allegation, namely, an assault on a woman, and was convicted and was sentenced to the roads in this county for ten years.

Earl Roebuck, white man, alias Pat Patterson, was convicted of bigamy and was sentenced to the Prison for five years. He was one of a trio of white men and a white woman held here early last month on charges of the theft of overcoats from the vestibule of the First Methodist church on a Sunday night. He claimed the woman with him was his wife. Last week another woman appeared against him in police court here and said she was his wife and married to the man before the second woman.

The three men were sent to the roads for 30 days on charges of the theft of the overcoats, and the woman was freed at that time. She had earlier brought charges of attempted criminal assault against a Raleigh attorney, but later admitted the charge was false.

James L. Cole, white man, charged with breaking and entering the Tucker Clothing Company store here last fall, and stealing a quantity of clothing, and later arrested in Memphis, Tenn., and brought back here, was convicted and sent to the roads for 18 months.

John Baker, Alonzo Cox and Elmore O'Neil were charged with the robbery of a filling station. The first two did not appear and a capias was issued for them. O'Neil was found not guilty.

Lonnie Denson, charged with an assault, was successful in having his case nolle prossed by the court.

L. M. Adcox, charged with abandonment, was called and failed, and a capias was issued for him.

T. K. Williams and Tetsler Young were charged with the theft of an automobile, and the charge was nolle prossed so far as the superior court was concerned and was referred to the juvenile court.

At noon the court was trying Amy Taylor and Tom Owen, Jr., on charges of store breaking.

A true bill was returned by the grand jury against Alex Hargrove, colored, for manslaughter, in connection with the death of his eight-year-old son, who died at their Townsville home early last week after excessive drinking of liquor and exposure, according to the findings of the coroner's jury.

Samuel T. Hatfield, colored, was charged with manslaughter in a true bill returned by the grand jury, growing out of the death of a hitch-hiker riding on a truck he was driving and which was in collision with a wagon load of tobacco near Middleburg early one morning some weeks ago.

A true bill charging forgery of a check on the Vance hotel was returned against Randolph Grant, alias Raul, alias Grate.

Mother Fights Parole



Robert Stroud

Asserting that "he is better off where he is," Mrs. Elizabeth Stroud, of Kansas City, has refused to sign a petition asking a parole for her son, Robert Stroud, above, who is serving a life sentence for murder at the federal prison at Leavenworth, Kas. Bird fanciers of the country are circulating the petition for Stroud, who has been raising canaries in his jail cell.

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DABNEY SPLITS 2 GAMES WITH STEM

County Girls Win 25-12 But Boys Lose to Visitors by 25-12 Score

Dabney divided a twin bill with Stem here last night with the girls winning 25 to 12 and the boys losing to Stem 25 to 12 on the old Baptist church court.

Couch Speer started her second team against Stem and they played the visitors on even terms until in the late stages of the game when they gave way to the regulars, who pushed on to cop the victory. C. Parham and Harte were the leaders with nine points each. Haskins led the visitors with eight points.

The boys game was won easily by Stem, the visitors never being seriously threatened.

Brazil is one of the most important pig-rearing countries of the world.

Newspapers Praised For Holding Nation Together During Depression Years

New Haven, Conn., Jan. 8.—(AP)—The newspaper was hailed today by Dean Carl W. Ackerman of the Columbia school of journalism as "the chief unofficial activity which held the nation together" during the depression.

He lauded American reporters and editors in a Block foundation lecture at Yale as "understanding interpreters of the newest developments everywhere."

"Invariably," he said, "days, weeks and often months in advance of official announcements, there have been forecasts or discussions in the press of governmental plans and policies, which in retrospect are commendable for their insight and comprehension."

He cited several instances and said: "In fact, on a number of occasions the Associated Press had to reprint and redistribute information which it had previously used but which had been registered on the public consciousness."

"In 1921 Melville E. Stone, the builder of the Associated Press wrote that out of the newspapers' abstract and brief chronicle of the day is created a reservoir of fact from which the wise historian might well draw his interpretations and deductions. The future historian may use the newspaper records of 1933 with even greater confidence."

Describing the service rendered by newspapers during the depression, Dean Ackerman said: "From the discouragement, the despair and the disasters of 1932, there developed in 1933, not only a new deal in government and new hope in the people, but a new standard of news values. "Economic and financial developments became first-page news because they were vital to the welfare of mankind and essential to the life of every human being. But the most significant fact from the standpoint of journalism is that newspaper editors and writers were prepared for the change in public problems and news interest. Each day, as a part of their journalistic responsibility, they had been preparing themselves for any emergency which might develop out of that stream of public affairs which makes the news of the day."

"This journalistic alertness x x x," he asserted, "has made the newspaper what it has been throughout the depression—the local point of national interest; the proving ground of public opinion; the central agency of public understanding; the chief unofficial activity which held the nation together in a crisis."

The philosophy of journalism was defined by the speaker as "a continuous search for knowledge of the truth in a life of action."

"Applied to the conduct of the newspaper," he said, "it is the continuous distribution of the knowledge acquired, which is circumscribed only by the human limitations on our knowledge and vision of life."

Dean Ackerman warned that "despotism and dictatorship will follow inevitably the control and centralization of public information," and listed research as one of journalism's needs of tomorrow—"research in all of the relationships between the daily newspaper and the social order."

Such research, he said, "should be directed toward making the newspaper more valuable in society both in supplying the information which is the basis of public opinion and in facilitating the crystallization of public opinion in time of a crisis."

Another Snake Not Dead Until Sun Down!



WAKE FOREST FIVE SWAMPS HENDERSON

Crush Locals 51-7 in Season's Opener Here Last Night at High Price

Wake Forest high school basketball team found little difficulty in defeating Henderson here last night on the High Price warehouse court by a 51 to 7 score in the opening game of '34 cage card for the local school an dtheir initial game in Class B district conference.

The locals were outclassed from the very start, being on the short end of a 30 to 3 score at half time.

Mangum with 32 points and Jones with 12 were the best for the winners. Edwards and Boyd looped a field goal each with Ayscue getting two fouls and Stainback got the seventh point on a free throw.

Wake Forest 51 TP Mangum F 32 Walters F 32 Hartfield F 0 Jones C 12 Fuller C 0 Jackson G 0 Shannan G 0 Rowland G 0 Totals 51 Henderson 7 TP Duke F 0 Edwards F 2 Floyd C 2 Hight G, F 0 Ayscue G 2 Stainback G 1 Teague G 0 Totals 7

MIDDLEBURG TAKES COURT TWIN BILL

Girls Win 47.4 and Boys 14-10 Over Zeb Vance Teams Last Night

Middleburg high school basketball team won a doubleheader over Zeb Vance last night on the Middleburg court with the girls winning their game easily, 47 to 4, while the boys were sorely pushed to take a 14 to 10 decision over the team from Kittrell township.

Stevenson and Dowling led the Middleburg girls' attack, getting 20 and 17 points respectively. Floyd scored all of Zeb Vance's points. Mabry and Curran turned in nice floor games for the winners while Watkins was the best that the losers had to offer.

Zeb Vance boys got off to an early start and were leading Middleburg at the half whistle, but the lead was short lived when the winners pushed ahead to stay until the final whistle. Robertson led Middleburg with six points, while N. Hight top the losers with four points. Grissom and Breedlove played very good floor games for Middleburg as did Smith for Zeb Vance.

CROSS WORD PUZZLE

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