

Editor's Note: This is one of a number of Ernie Pyle columns from past years that are being reprinted while Ernie rests. This one was written in 1937.

PERRYTON, Tex.—Gene Howe hadn't actually reprented it to me; he just hadn't told me everything. He had said casually that he was going up to Perryton to make a little talk, and how about me living along so he could show me the country. He said we'd stay all night (Perryton is 135 miles from Amarillo), and drive back next morning.

We got here just after dark and went to a hotel. We'd hardly got in before two men came up to get us. They had big gray hats and looked like cattlemen. One was named Daniels and the other was Tom Elsey. We got in their car and drove to the high school.

Inside the door somebody took our coats, and Gene started shaking hands with people, and a group of men came up and introduced themselves to me. I asked one of them what this thing was, and he said it was the annual banquet of the Perryton Chamber of Commerce. In other words, the event of the year in the northern Panhandle.

Then somebody gave the word and we all marched down to the basement, and there stood long banquet tables, as far as you could see, with girls in white standing behind them. Some fellow took Gene and me around to the far side, center, to the seats of the guests of honor!

Terror of Speaker

NOW ON THE way up I had told Gene Howe to tip the chairman off (I thought it would be just a little sketchy meeting) not to call on me to say anything. I told him I was born with a horror of making speeches, just as I was born with a horror of snakes. And to express my earnestness on him, I told him about that time I made such a spectacle of myself in college.

They got me up by surprise in front of 3000 students at a football rally one night, and made me make

a speech. I had said about two sentences, and gone into my first extended-arm gesture, when out of the sea of faces I had to pick out Nemo Crowder, sitting way back there laughing at me.

That threw me off. I went completely blank. And there I was, stuck in front of 3000 students, with my arm sticking out to one side, and not another word would come out. I finally walked off the stage, with my arm still sticking out. Everybody howled. I swore then it would be my last speech.

Mighty Fine Banquet

WELL, IT was a mighty fine banquet. There must have been 300 people there, men and their wives.

Finally they got around to the main speaker, Gene Howe, and I knew my time had come.

Gene introduced me, and then told that story about how I couldn't make a speech and got stuck once with my arm out, and then he told me to stand up. I stood up, pale as a ghost, with that sickly one-sided grin on my face while everybody clapped, and then I blurted out the following historic remarks.

"All I can manage to say, ladies and gentlemen, is that I think the girls of the domestic science class did a grand job of feeding us, and (here I stuck out my left arm) as I was saying to Mr. Howe coming up from Amarillo this afternoon..."

There I stopped. Stopped on purpose, you see (although I was plenty glad to stop). I acted good and scared, and then I looked slowly around to my left, and there was that arm sticking out there. And then I looked even worse scared, and sat down.

I still think it was a pretty clever idea if done right. But I was so rattled I went through it too fast, and I don't think anybody got it. At any rate, I sat down gracefully.

When we got back to the hotel Gene wanted to know how his speech got over, and I said fine, but I didn't ask him how mine got over. Gene went right to sleep, but somehow I couldn't go to sleep till almost 3 o'clock.

The nation's most ardent baseball fans

Jim McCue, elevator operator at the Test building, isn't letting his ups and downs interfere with his exception of the world series results. He has installed a portable radio set on the stool in his elevator, and gets pretty good reception, even when the elevator is moving. Atop the radio is an alarm clock, probably used to remind him when to turn on the radio. . . . Pleasure of the crowd listening to the series results in front of Marott's Tuesday was spoiled, right in the middle of the game, when workmen arrived and began to tear up the pavement right in front of the store with one of those noisy pneumatic drills. . . . Our apologies to Hank Cottingham, of the state

conservation department staff. We referred to him yesterday as "Hank Cotterman." Just a slip of the typewriter. We must have been thinking of Lt. Carl Cotterman, former Times photographer. . . . And we "promoted" G. O. P. County Chairman Henry Ostrom to "state chairman." Guess we had a bad day. . . . From various sources we get word that the 32d base hospital unit has landed overseas. And some of the staff, writing home, hint of some thrilling tales of the voyage to be told after the war.

4 Heartless Thief

GEORGE N. BEAMER, the public service commission chairman, is most unhappy. Sometime Monday night someone broke into his garage, forced open the trunk of his car, and stole the inner tube—a good one—from his spare tire. In its place, the heartless thief left an old tube with a hole a foot long in it. "And tubes are harder to get than tires," moans George. . . . Wilbur Peat, Donald Matisson and Henrik Mayer are the three men at the Art institute whose hairlines like the Nazis, have beaten a "strategic retreat." A new student, seeing them together, exclaimed to a friend: "Every one of those fellows reminds me of the same piece of music." "What music?" "Night on Bald Mountain." . . . There's a "signs of the times"

note in the water company lobby. It's a feminine clothing store dummy dressed as an auxiliary fireman. John Kleinhenz, the water company triad all over town to get a mannikin (male) from the various clothing stores, but finally had to compromise on a "womanikin" which he borrowed from George Bedford at the Leader store. Incidentally, Fire Chief Fulmer told John he isn't far out of line since there's such a shortage of men that women now are being sought as auxiliary firemen.

Pursuit of Duty

A YOUNG WOMAN in green started north across Meridian in front of Ayres' the other day, walking against traffic. The MP directing traffic in the center of the street blew his whistle at her. She ignored him. The bluecoat (city policeman) on the curb called out something like: "Hey, you Jaybird in green—watch the signals." She ignored him, too, so he dodged traffic and followed her to the safety zone, giving her a scolding. She seemed to be talking right back, then walked away and got on a streetcar. Hesitating only a moment, the policeman climbed aboard the same streetcar, and it pulled away. We don't know what happened after that. . . . One of our agents was in the Gardner Record shop at 35th and College the other day and got to talking with Mr. Gardner about the younger generation. Mr. Gardner told her that a girl visited the shop recently, saw a big poster picture of Frank Sinatra on the wall and walked back of the counter and kissed the picture. . . . Sign on a Massachusetts ave. restaurant: "Fried Oyster." Only one? Must be a shortage of oysters, too. . . . Saturday is tag day. The tags—cute little paper cutout sailors and soldiers—are being sold to raise money for the canteen on the fourth floor of the Federal building. The canteen, operated by the mothers and wives of men in the service, has been serving sandwiches, coffee, milk and cookies free of charge to enlisted and service men ever since Pearl Harbor. . . . Just a reminder. Don't forget to have your tin cans processed, and placed at the curb next week. They'll be picked up north of 16th st. on Monday and Tuesday, and south of 16th on Wednesday and Thursday.

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FLY PROTESTS CBS POLICIES ON NEWS

NEW YORK, Oct. 7 (U. P.)—Chairman James L. Fly of the federal communications commission said today that the Columbia Broadcasting System's policy of "regulating the expression of the views and opinions of its news analysts" was a curtailment of freedom of speech.

"Personal opinions, of course, should not be aired in the guise of news," he said, "but, assuming competency, if the statements are properly labeled as opinion, I can hardly see the reason why they should not be aired."

BIDDINGER TO SPEAK

Lt. (jg) Thurman A. Biddinger, USNRE, former state senator and vice president of the Indiana State Exchange clubs, will speak at the weekly luncheon of the local Exchange club tomorrow noon at the Clarendon hotel.

Two of These Are 'Tin Can'ts'

IN NEW ZEALAND I heard our boys praised because they helped wash the dishes and ran errands for their hostesses, so you see how important a mother's training is.

Here is a letter from Mrs. Ruby Tennent, from a small town in New Zealand: "I must tell you how much we enjoyed the visit of the two marines you sent us. One was very young, only 20½, and the other a marine of eight years service.

Their frank friendliness, ready wit and appreciation made them delightful guests. My two sons, in the air force, came home unexpectedly and were thrilled with the tales of Guadalcanal and of your wonderful country. I must say that your city lads from Boston and Brooklyn, N. Y., gave us quiet country folks something to think of. Their weeks effort was only a fraction of the debt we owe to those who spent many weeks enduring Guadalcanal. I should have liked to keep them longer, but then our very busy days are here, and my husband and I are each without help on the farm. As you said, the lads are so human and they fitted into our home life very easily. This small country should benefit very much by the contact with you and your kinfolks."

MAJ. HORACE E. DODGE of the Detroit automobile family has been placed on inactive duty at Ft. Harrison at the request of a Billings General hospital medical board which recommended his retirement.

Lt. Col. Guy Owsley, executive officer at the hospital, said Maj. Dodge had asked for a review of his case, but declined further comment.

Secretary of War Stimson defended his being granted a commission last year. The secretary said it was granted because of Maj. Dodge's knowledge of small speed craft.

Last month, his wife, Martha (Mickey) Devine, former showgirl, filed suit for divorce and \$60,000 yearly alimony.

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MONDAY. They'll rust away without doing their bit for the war.

On the left are the tin cans. Somebody forgot to wash them, and eventually turned into gas masks, medicine tubes, blood plasma containers and thousand other war uses.

The cans will be picked up Monday and Tuesday north of 16th st., on Wednesday and Thursday south of 16th st. Persons outside city limits should take their tin cans to the grocery store.

THURSDAY
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ALL CHURCHES JOIN IN PEACE DECLARATIONS

3 Faiths Draft Essentials For Preventing Wars in Future.

NEW YORK, Oct. 7 (U. P.)—Protestant Catholic and Jewish leaders, in a combined action believed to be without precedent yesterday issued a declaration on world peace, representing points of agreement among the various churches.

The declaration asserts that rights of individuals must be assured, that states and individuals must repudiate racial or other discriminations and that international institutions must be organized and must end the present exploitation by privileged groups and states.

More than 150 church leaders signed the declaration which was drafted after more than 100 statements on world peace issued separately by religious groups revealed a general agreement.

The declaration stipulated:

1. A just peace depends upon recognition that nations, states and international society as well as individuals are subject to the sovereignty of God and the moral law which comes from God.

2. States as well as individuals must repudiate social, religious and other discrimination.

3. The progress of undeveloped or oppressed peoples toward political responsibility must be the object of international concern.

Must Protect Rights

4. The rights of ethnic, religious and cultural minorities to economic, educational and cultural development and political equality must be guaranteed.

5. An enduring peace requires development of a body of international law and limitation and continuing control of armaments, compulsory arbitration of controversies and the use of adequate sanctions to enforce the law.

6. International economic collaboration, to provide an adequate standard of living, must replace the present economic monopoly.

7. Steps must be taken to provide for the security of the family, the collaboration of all groups and classes in the interest of the common good, a standard of living adequate for self-development and family life, decent conditions of work and participation by labor in decisions affecting its welfare.

Worth Fight

Butler Cadets Will See Their Sweetheart Tomorrow.

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Combine Annual 'Old Gold'

And 'Dad's' Programs Saturday.

Headed by the DePauw-Indiana State Teachers college football game in the afternoon, DePauw university's combined Old Gold day and Dad's day will be held Saturday on the Greencastle campus.

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First Appearance Here

This will be Mrs. Roskin's first Atonement day appearance at Beth-El, since he only came to the city in May. He brings an old world knowledge to the services having been born in Latvia, sung in Europe since the age of seven and directed the choir in one of Berlin's largest synagogues. Mr. Roskin has lived in the United States five years and is a naturalized citizen.

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Service Arrangements

Rabbi Israel Chodosh will preach and conduct services at Beth-El to-morrow at 5:30 p. m. and Saturday at 6:30 a. m. Rabbi Maurice Goldblatt will preach on "The Fault Is With Ourselves" at 7 p. m. to-morrow and Rabbi Morris M. Feuerlicht on "The Ultimate Answer to Anti-Semitism" at 9:30 a. m. Saturday, in the temple of the Indianapolis Hebrew congregation. There will be children's services in the same temple Saturday at 12:30 noon and memorial services at 3 p. m.

Rabbi Samuel J. Fox will hold services for the United Hebrew congregation tomorrow at 5:30 p. m. and Saturday at 7 a. m. with a sermon at 11 a. m. At the Central Avenue temple, Rabbi Nandor Fruchter will conduct Atonement day services tomorrow at 5:30 p. m. and Saturday at 7 a. m. and 6:15 p. m. Services conducted by Rabbi Samuel Katz will be at 6 p. m. to-morrow and at 7 a. m. Saturday at the Synagog Sharah Tefilla. Rabbi David S. Shapiro will hold services at Knesses Israel synagogue at 6:30 p. m. tomorrow and at 7 a. m. Saturday.

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Following the football game, which begins at 2:30 p. m., an alumni-dad's mixer will be held. A formal opening of a new student recreation center also will be sponsored at this time by the Association of Women Students. Buffet dinners will be served in sorority houses and university houses of residence for parents of DePauw students and returning alumni, followed by the presentation of a three-set comedy at the DePauw Little theater at 8:15 p. m.

FAVORS PEACE MEASURES

He advocated a foreign policy which would make the United States a responsible member of an international peace organization.

Mr. Lasch also cited the need for a full employment program after the war, a strong public works program, and adequate housing, nutrition and health facilities.

Tomorrow's meetings will include codification of library laws, presented by Prof. Frank E. Horack Jr. of the Indiana university law school, and election of officers. Miss Virginia Kirkus of New York will review current books for librarians and trustees at the final meeting tomorrow afternoon.

AUTOMATIC TRAFFIC FALLS MORE THAN A THIRD

Due to wartime restrictions passenger car traffic on Indiana's highways has dropped 27.5 per cent under last year's volume, and truck transportation has decreased 6.9 per cent although there has been a rise in shipment of war materials.

This statement today by S. C. Hadden, chairman of the state highway commission, was based on the results of a highway survey from Aug. 2 to Aug. 27 when six men surveyed the busiest roads of the state's 10,000-mile highway system.

A total of 18,406 vehicles were observed as compared to 26,406 last year. Of the total 12,694 were trucks.