

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 represented it to me; he just hadn't told me everything. He had said casually that he was going up to try to make a little talk and how about me going 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 Elzey. 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 couple 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 weekly meeting) not to call on me to say anything. I told him I was born with a horror of making speeches, but as I was born with a horror of snakes. And to express my earnestness on him, I told him about that one 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 some into my first extended-arm gesture, when out of that sea of faces I had to pick out Memo 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 there 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.

Inside Indianapolis By Lowell Nussbaum

ONE OF THE CITY'S most ardent baseball fans is Jim McCue, elevator operator at the Test building. Jim isn't letting his ups and downs interfere with his reception 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 Marot'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.

A 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 Matison 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 "sign of the times"

note in the water company lobby. It's a feminine clothing store dummy dressed as an auxiliary fireman. John Kleinhens of the water company tried 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 Benford at the Leader store. Incidentally, Fire Chief Pulmer 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 38th 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 cutouts 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 enlistees 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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ROOSEVELT STRONG
POLITICAL SENTIMENT now as it is checked in by people from various parts of the country gives Mr. Roosevelt an extremely strong position. At the moment, he probably would be difficult to beat. Republicans worry about him only. They are sure they could defeat anyone else. And at the moment, it is difficult to see anybody on the Republican side except Wilkie and Dewey.

Organization work is being done for Wilkie. But Governor Dewey, while professing lack of interest, keeps in a strong position by occasional well-timed strokes, such as his declarations at the Columbus governors' conference and a few weeks ago at the Mackinac Island conference.

Much that goes on during a presidential campaign and in the month preceding it, is trivial by any standards and especially so during such a war as this. Yet it is an inspiring event in the history of society that in the midst of self-government can continue to attempt such a thing as the final literal exercise of the act of self-government. That should put us on our best behavior as custodians of an almost extinct practice which we hope will eventually become common among many peoples again.

Washington

By Raymond Clapper

WASHINGTON, Oct. 7.—No presidential election has been held in wartime since Lincoln's day and the prospect of next year's campaign raises some new problems which already are being thought over.

We can't have the usual kind of presidential campaign, with its peacetime extravagance of manpower, travel, meetings and lavish use of hotel space in most of the cities of the country, with mass luncheons, mass dinners, and all of the bountiful trimmings, souvenirs and metal badges. It is even difficult now to get 5-cent cigars, even at the wartime price of 6 cents. In only one respect will the politician be favored in this campaign—there will be more babies than usual to kiss.

Democrats around party headquarters here want a late convention and are talking about September instead of June or early July. They think a short campaign would be more appropriate in wartime. Presumably they expect the candidate as usual to be Mr. Roosevelt. If he is, then they could hold the campaign the night before election. Chicago seems to be preferred as the convention city by the Democrats. It is centrally located, has adequate hotels—if any empty rooms can be found—and it is a lucky place for the Democrats.

Economy of everything is desirable. The simplest meeting arrangements are dictated.

Two Days Enough

TO OBLIGE hotel keepers and local merchants who contribute to the cash kitty for convention expenses, party managers usually drag out convention proceedings for nearly a week. Two days is enough in wartime, and less than that if the Democrats are going to nominate Mr. Roosevelt for a fourth time.

My Day
HYDE PARK, Wednesday.—I want to go back again to my letters about our soldiers in New Zealand. Many a mother here, when she was training her son to be of use at home, did not realize that some of the things she taught him would make him a very welcome guest, and sometimes even make him of real value to the army.

For instance, one of the men, who has the reputation for being more responsible for the good spirits of his regiment than anyone else, was the head baker in a camp which I visited. He teaches the men under him to make good bread, cakes and pies, and he is popular. It is all because, so he told me, his mother taught him to do it at home.

Some of the boys in the cooks and bakers school do not feel they are an important part of the army. As a matter of fact, some of the most distinguished soldiers in the world have said that an army marches on its stomach, and a well fed army is always a satisfied army and, therefore, a good fighting force.

By Eleanor Roosevelt

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. Three 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 kind folks."

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 "the 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. 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.

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.

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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."

Women Take Over at Marine Station



Sgt. Lois M. Hall (left) and Ann Powers look over their fighting equipment, the typewriter, and the station in the Kresge building. The two women Marines are releasing S. Sgt. Robert B. Andre and Sgt. Charles A. Dill (right) for combat service. The men shore off Monday on the first leg of their trip to battle. Sgt. Hall is from Detroit and Sgt. Powers from Chicago. Both enlisted in June and were trained at Camp DeJonge, New River, N. C.

Director Roskin to Present New Composition at Temple

By EMMA RIVERS MILNER

Janot S. Roskin, choir director, is the composer of an arrangement of the plaintive music of the Kol Nidre which will usher in the Day of Atonement at 5:30 p. m. tomorrow in the Beth-El Zedek temple.

The Day of Atonement, the most solemn occasion of the religious year to world Jewry, will bring to a close 10 days of repentance which began last week at New Year's, or Rosh Hashanah. The observance will continue from sundown tomorrow until the same time Saturday. The faithful are expected to fast for the 24 hours and pray for the forgiveness of their sins.

Whatever may have interfered with attendance at the temple during the year, the conscientious Jew is said never to fail to be present on this day. Seats are sold far in advance and every synagogue is overflowing.

First Appearance Here

This will be Mr. 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.

In addition to the Kol Nidre arrangement, he has composed many pieces of liturgical music. He organized the new Beth-El choir which, with Cantor Myro Glass, will sing at the services.

The Kol Nidre, which is a prayer set to music and with great power to stir the emotions, is as much part and parcel of all Atonement day celebrations as is the blowing of the traditional ram's horn.

Service Arrangements

Rabbi Israel Chodov will preach and conduct services at Beth-El tomorrow 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. tomorrow 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 9:30 p. m. and Saturday at 7 a. m. with a sermon at 11 a. m. At the Central Avenue temple, Rabbi Mendor 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. tomorrow and at 7 a. m. Saturday at the Synagogue Shalom Temple. Rabbi David S. Shapiro will hold services at Knesset Israel synagogue at 6:30 p. m. tomorrow and at 7 a. m. Saturday.

BIDDING TO SPEAK

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

DEPAUW PLANS SPECIAL DAY

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.

During the morning, university classes will be open for visits from DePauw dads with the annual business meeting and election of officers of the Dad's association at 12:15 p. m. at the Gobin Memorial church.

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-act comedy at the DePauw Little theater at 8:15 p. m.

'BERLIN-AND-BACK' PLANES BEING BUILT

NEW YORK, Oct. 7 (U. P.).—Elmer Davis, director of the office of war information, pointing out that the United States now is building super-bombers able to fly non-stop to Germany and back, warned last night that the progress of air power is a threat to the post-war security of politically isolated nations.

"The United States is building planes that can fly across the Atlantic, drop their bombs and come back again," he told the Nassau county war fund committee. "No other nation happens to be building planes like that at the moment."

DRIVE STARTED FOR WAR FUND RELIEF QUOTA

Governor Schricker Speaks As Hoosiers Are Asked To Give \$3,115,000.

Indiana launched another fund-raising campaign today—this time to open the pockets and hearts of Hoosiers to bring relief to America's war-stricken soldiers and sailors and stricken allied peoples.

The state war fund drive received the go-ahead signal at a luncheon today in the Claypool hotel attended by board and campaign directors and 92 county chairmen. The principal speaker was Prescott S. Bush, chairman of the national war fund.

The nation's goal is \$125,000,000 while the state quota is \$3,115,000. The money will be distributed among 17 war relief agencies, chief of which is the U. S. O. The campaign closes Nov. 30.

Schricker Speaks

Following a short talk by Governor Schricker, Mr. Bush explained the purposes and achievements of the national war fund.

The service rendered American servicemen, both at home and abroad, by the USO, the morale-building program of the war prisoners' aid, and the relief extended to our stricken allies through the allied relief groups must continue even though the war might end tomorrow, he said.

The war fund, a combined group of fund-raising relief agencies, was formed "to bring some order out of the chaos of war philanthropy," he continued.

"Our policy has been to encourage social and charitable unity. . . . For who can say that the appeal for the man in uniform is more important than the appeal of his family-at-home who may, for the first time, be in need of aid, due to his very absence in the service of his country?" he questioned. "Neither the soldier nor the sailor, I am sure, would want the choice to be made in his favor."

Boredom Is Problem

The major problem of the war prisoners is "boredom to the nth degree," Mr. Bush continued. "War prisoners aid is doing an essential job in taking them educational, spiritual and recreational service in prison camps to relieve the monotony of stagnant idleness."

He appealed for aid to the suffering allied peoples, saying, "They have become a part of us and we shall now rise or fall together. We must treat them as we treat our neighbors in times of peace. It is the national war fund that will help us to do just that."

He said state department officials had told him that a million dollars from the "pockets and hearts of the people" given to the needy foreign populations is worth more in good will than 50 million dollars exchanged by the governments of the countries.

BOARD AUTHORIZES WRIGHT PAY BOOST

WASHINGTON, Oct. 7 (U. P.).—The war labor board, in a move designed to boost airplane output, today ordered that wage raises, faster promotions and a dues check-off be included in a new contract between the United Automobile Workers (C. I. O.) and the Paterson (N. J.) plant of the Wright Aeronautical Corp.

An opinion by WLB Vice Chairman George W. Taylor said the new contract would pave the way for "a sound, mature management-union relationship."

CROWLEY TO CONTROL FOREIGN FOOD FLOW

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2 (U. P.).—President Roosevelt last night transferred foreign food operations of the war food administration and the commodity credit corp. to the new foreign economic administration.

By executive order he transferred the functions of WFA and CCC "with respect to the procurement and development of food, food machinery and other food facilities in foreign countries" to the FEA which recently was put under Leo T. Crowley.

RAISES 2D FRONT ISSUE

MOSCOW, Oct. 7 (U. P.).—The influential political review War and the working class today pleaded with the United States and Britain to act decisively and speedily to insure the early termination of the war, presumably through invasion of western Europe.

HOLD EVERYTHING



"With I was back home in Philly, calling some of Mom's spaghetti!"

LIBRARY HEADS DISCUSS PEACE

Techniques to Stimulate Post-War Thinking Part of Agenda.

Library techniques for stimulating thinking on important war and post-war issues were discussed today at the state-wide library war institute held in connection with the three-day annual meeting of the Indiana Library association, and the Indiana Library Trustees association here.

Miss Ellen Myers, librarian at Billings general hospital, and Miss Elizabeth Jordan of the service station No. 1 library at Camp Atterbury described their work before junior members of the association at a luncheon meeting today.

Challenging the American people to make up their minds now as to the kind of peace they want, Robert Lash, editorial writer and columnist for the Chicago Sun, declared that "the war and the peace are indivisible parts of the same historic process" in his speech last night at a public forum in the Claypool hotel.

Favors Peace Measures

He advocated a foreign policy which would make the United States a responsible member of an international peace organization. Mr. Lash 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 association officers. Miss Virginia Kirkus of New York will review current books for librarians and trustees at the final meeting tomorrow afternoon.

AUTO TRAFFIC FALLS MORE THAN A THIRD

Due to wartime restrictions passenger car traffic on Indiana's highways has dropped 37.5 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 E. 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 18,496 vehicles were observed as compared to 28,468 last year. Of the total 12,894 were passenger cars and 5,712 were trucks.

Mr. Hadden stated that truck operators are now carrying more nearly the load capacity of their vehicles—not going beyond reasonable limits in cargo weight.

Observers also noticed a reduction in interstate travel. They counted 2,922 passenger cars from other states, compared with 6,513 last year.

Medical Board Retires Dodge

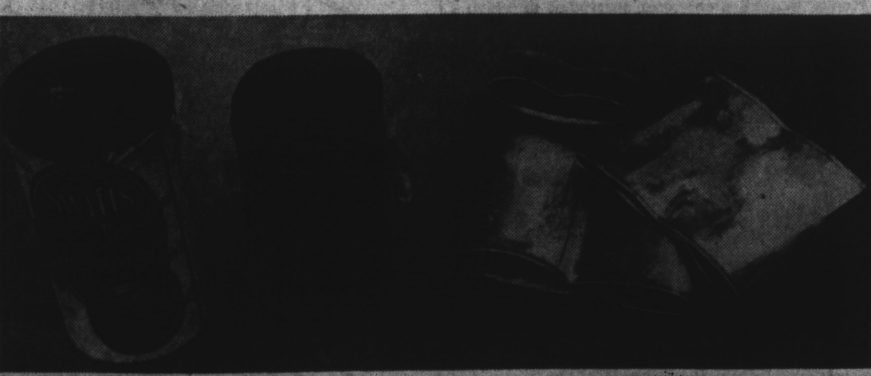
MAJ. HORACE E. DODGE of the Detroit automobile family has been placed on inactive duty at Ft. Harrison at the request of a Billings General hospital medical board which recommended his retirement.

Lt. Col. Guy Orsley, 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 \$80,000 yearly alimony.

Two of These Are 'Tin Can'ts'



This may look like tin cans to you, but two of these are tin can'ts.

On the left are the tin can'ts. Somebody forgot to wash them, open them at both ends, press flat, and save them for the tin salvage collection which starts

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

On the right are the tin cans. They'll be picked up next week and eventually turned into gas masks, medicine tubes, blood plasma containers and a 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.