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## EDITORIALS

### An Awesome Moment

By Presidential proclamation, July 20, 1971, was designated National Moon Walk Day. Whether it will be so observed in the future as a permanent commemoration of man's first landing on the moon is problematical.

To keep the record straight, the purpose of National Moon Walk Day, if and when it is again observed, is to recall that two U.S. Astronauts (Neil Alden Armstrong and Edwin Eugene Aldrin, Jr.) landed lunar module "Eagle" at 4:17 P.M., Eastern Daylight Time, July 20, 1969, and remained on the

lunar surface 21 hours, 36 minutes and 16 seconds. The landing was made from Apollo 11's orbiting command and service module "Columbia", whose pilot, Michael Collins, remained aboard. Armstrong was the first man to set foot on the moon. He and Aldrin were outside the spacecraft, walking on the moon's surface, approximately two hours and fifteen minutes. The TV spectacle of the shadowy figure of Armstrong cautiously testing the moon's supporting surface will forever remain in the memories of those who witnessed it.

### A Hemicane?

It was bound to happen that the Women's Lib would take on the U.S. Weather Service and complain about hurricanes being labeled with feminine names.

Seems some of the gals are up tight because only women's names are used to identify hurricanes (we don't dare say hericanes). As a solution to this problem the gals suggested that every

other hurricane be given a man's name. (Would these be himicanes?)

If the women lib movement continues much longer in the pursuit for equal rights with men, we hate to think what might happen next. Perhaps the gals would want the men to have every other child. We know this is ridiculous, but so is women's lib.

—The Danville Gazette

## Old People Feel They're A 'Burden' On Society

By REV. W. LEE TRUMAN  
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A lady came into my office, sat down, and burst into tears. After she had herself under control she asked, "Why are old people so difficult to get along with?" Her mother, whom she devotedly loved, had just hurt her with some very curt words.

Dr. Jack Ball of the University of Washington believes that he knows why there is this frequent painful breakdown of relationships. "The greatest majority of old people feel that they are useless, unwanted, and a burden, and they just may be right."

Our society is a young society, with half of the population 23 years old or younger. Television, sports, advertisements, fashions, all enshrine the Goddess of Youth, and the elderly have little or no place in our swiftly moving world. Once gray hair was respected for its acquired wisdom in solving life's problems, but not in our hectic age.

The life span is daily increasing through increased medical know-how, but the sad truth is that these extra years can be years of tragedy unless young people understand and learn to accept what the frustrations of old age mean to the elderly.

When you find yourself in conflict with some older person's attitude or actions, ask yourself this question: "What do older people want to get out of life?" Julietta K. Arthur put it con-

cisely when she said, "Somewhere to live, something to do, and someone to care."

If you are really going to understand and help some older person have to get rid of the misconception that old age makes people different. They still feel, hope, plan, but now with vastly more limiting physical functions. Most of us assume that when a woman reaches the status of grandmotherhood she has placed on her head automatically a halo of sweetness and light. We can be just as wrong in the other direction, that old age makes people crotchety, self-centered, and bitter. Neither is right.

Listening to the men of the clergy who are retiring, one has been of great help to me. One such saint, Dr. William Taylor, last year summed it up when he said, "A man is at his retirement what he has been all his life, only now more so, and will become still more so."

A Dad who is an autocrat at the family table will continue to be so; a Mother who was vain through the years is not going to automatically become a self-sacrificing granny.

A man or woman who has been independent all their lives, and has always pushed their own cart is going to try to keep on being self-sufficient.

Another drastic misunderstanding about old age is that it is safe and cozy. This I think is the cause of more unhappiness and misunderstanding than anything else. No older person, or younger person, likes to have his life planned for him, whether his children took him

### Minor Injury As Car Turns Over

The driver of a 1972 Chevrolet received only a chipped tooth in a one-car mishap about one-half mile south of Syracuse on Indiana 13 at 9:15 p.m. Sunday as his vehicle ran off the road and turned over.

Driver of the car was David W. Griffith, 20, r 1 Syracuse. Damage was estimated at \$600 to the car.

Indiana state trooper Ric Reece investigated, assisted by Syracuse police.

Griffith was charged with driving while under the influence of intoxicating beverages and illegal consumption of alcoholic beverages.

## Special Services At Wawasee Heights Church

Evangelist Ralph M. Davidson of Coffeyville, Kan., will conduct a series of special services at Wawasee Heights Baptist church, Syracuse, beginning Sunday, July 23, and continuing nightly through Sunday, July 30, except Saturday.

Mr. Davidson comes to the Wawasee Heights church highly recommended by leading pastors and by internationally known Christian publications. For over 20 years he has traveled widely in the United States and is known from coast to coast.

Before entering Christian work, Davidson managed several five-and-ten stores in Chicago and vicinity. A prayer room in the heart of Chicago's loop was the beginning of his extensive ministry as a Christian businessman. For several years he was a member of the Christian business men's committee, and taught personal evangelism in many areas. After gaining



RALPH M. DAVIDSON  
experience as a part-time evangelist and as a field representative for the Moody Bible Institute, Rev. Davidson started evangelistic and revival

work on a full-time basis. Evangelist Davidson is a specialist on the Christian family. He has written a book on the subject and will be speaking on such timely topics as: Ethics In The Home; When Is A Home Truly Christian; Discipline In The Seventies; Solving Honest Differences; and many others.

Pastor Bob Mundy extends a warm welcome to everyone. He says, "Come to hear Rev. Davidson. You will be glad you did."

The services are at 7 p.m. each evening except Saturday. The evangelist will also preach at both of the regular Sunday services. The morning service starts with Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. Wawasee Heights Baptist church maintains classes for all ages with well-qualified teachers, up-to-date materials and the Bible as the textbook. The church is located on the Syracuse-Webster road opposite Wawasee high school.



### Know Your Indiana Law

By JOHN J. DILLON  
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This is a public service article explaining provisions of Indiana law in general terms.

### 'Conflict Of Interest'

In this era of immense power of all levels of government, the actions of all public officials are subject to scrutiny as to whether or not their official actions in any way create a conflict of interest. In other words a strong movement in the country is demanding that all public officials very carefully work only on behalf of the public and that when they become public officials they leave behind any question of private interest.

The Indiana Supreme Court recently sharply defined this responsibility in a case involving a member of a town board. The member of a town board in Indiana was charged with violating a law that proscribes "any board member or official of a town being directly or indirectly a party to or in any manner interested in, any contract or

agreement with the municipal corporation for any manner, cause or thing by which any liability or indebtedness is in any way or manner created or passed upon." The Indiana Supreme Court held that the command is clear that a person cannot use his position in municipal government to contract with that government in any way by which liability might arise.

One of the most interesting aspects of this case was that the defendant town board member had been hired as a sewage inspector and water maintenance supervisor by the town board at a meeting of the town board and it was clearly provided in the minutes that he was to be paid for certain duties in respect to the public utilities of the town. Even though all was done open and above board and the duties actually were performed the court

pointed out that the thrust of the statute is to prevent any town board member from in effect contracting with himself on behalf of the town thereby incurring a liability against the town.

The Supreme Court pointed out that even though the defendant claimed that the contract to do the work for the utility was entered in good faith without any realization that a law was violated that the purpose of the statute in question was to prevent this type of action. Although many highly technical questions were raised pointing out there are specific areas where employees of cities can be paid for extra compensation for extra work, the statute in question prohibited an officer of a city or town from in effect entering a contract with himself.

Since town board members and other public officials in small communities are paid only a few dollars for their official services this sharp opinion will bring clearly into focus the requirement that officers of towns and cities must be extremely careful in entering any contract in which they are either directly or indirectly involved.

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### LAKELAND LOCAL

Mrs. Mary Belle Hollar of Milford spent the week end with her son, Floyd Hollar, of Warsaw.

### Congressional Corner

## Earl Landgrebe Reports From Washington

### School Talks Held

As a member of the Special Ad-Hoc Subcommittee, House Education and Labor Committee, I flew to California for two days of hearings on E.S.E.A. Title I prospects of the California schools.

Our committee heard testimony by top officials in the State Department of Education in Sacramento, then met with several members of the Los Angeles board of education.

Since it's always more exciting to report good news, it is with a great deal of reluctance that I write this depressing report of testimony given to our committee by these two groups of educators.

According to the most scientific methods of testing yet devised, the I.Q. and the test scores of pupils in the Los Angeles City Unified School System, the Sacramento City Unified School System and the pupils of the State of California have all declined during the past several years, falling well below the national average in most cases.

The education chiefs were totally at a loss to explain this phenomenon which has developed in the face of greater intervention into the secondary educational programs by our federal government.

Repetitive questioning by members of the Congressional

committee regarding the federal programs being carried out, discipline in the schools, discussions on busing, and the teacher-to-pupil and administrator-to-teacher ratios, and the total expenditure per pupil all failed to obtain any reasonable explanation for the decline.

A question that I was compelled to ask was as follows: Is it possible that federal intervention into secondary schools is resulting in a negative effect? Of course it is impossible to give a clear-cut answer, but to me there appears to be a strong likelihood.

Los Angeles school authorities presented their latest plans for meeting the financial crisis facing their system. Included is the furloughing of 1500 teachers, thereby cutting their budget by \$4,300,000. To achieve this savings, the average class would be increased from 38 to 40 pupils.

I found it interesting that while reducing teacher expenditures by \$4,300,000, the administrative costs would be reduced by a piddly \$100,000. All this in the face of the fact that secondary pupil enrollment in the Los Angeles schools has declined by 12 per cent over the past three years.

Do you now understand my reluctance to give this report?



MOST ORIGINAL — Roger Fettters, 12, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Fettters of r 4 Syracuse, took first place in the most original category Wednesday night in the Police and Firemen's Kiddie Parade in his clown attire.



— Special Report from Washington —

### YIPPIE SUMMIT

By Jack Anderson

1972 Pulitzer Prize Winner for National Reporting  
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WASHINGTON — Vacation time is rapidly coming to a close for the radical movement in Miami Beach.

The same loosely-organized group of Zippies and Yippies who cavorted and sunbathed during the Democratic Convention are now holding serious strategy sessions aimed at embarrassing President Nixon during the Republican Convention next month.

My source for this information is my own long-haired teen-age son, Kevin, who infiltrated the radical movement while I was in Miami Beach for the Democratic Convention.

Kevin tells me that zany Abbie Hoffman, a yippie for all seasons, has held a number of summit meetings with his unpredictable lieutenants.

Kevin was present when Hoffman was seeking to outmaneuver federal snoops. For the benefit of electronic snooping devices, Abbie and friends would meet in their gaudy headquarters and lay out one set of plans. Then, the plotters would slip outside and

privately draw up a different strategy.

The basic aim of the radicals, reports Kevin, is to turn the sober-sided Republican Convention into a carnival of confusion.

### GOP SNOOPS

Meanwhile, the Republicans have done some infiltrating in Miami Beach on their own. Wandering through the Convention Hall among all the Democrats earlier this month, I spotted two top Republicans.

They were GOP Vice Chairman Dick Herman and his assistant, Jim Gale. Posing as service personnel, the two explained they were actually sizing up facilities in preparation for their own convention in August.

Both Herman and Gale are worried about security at the convention. They have instructed Republican security agents to work closely with Miami Beach Police Chief Rocky Pomerance, the hefty, jovial cop who is now intensely evaluating contingency plans to handle what looks like a

raucous week with the radicals.

While maintaining cordial relations with Yippie leaders, Pomerance has kept in constant touch with the FBI. Pomerance receives FBI reports from every major city in the nation informing him of known radicals leaving for Miami. In addition, Florida police have staked out all the major roads coming into Miami. They are keeping a running tally of the cars, buses and campers carrying potential trouble-makers into the state.

### Finger-Lickin' Good

Fried chicken magnate, Colonel Harlan Sanders, passed out free fried chicken and paid \$35.00 for wastepaper baskets at the Democratic Convention. But we have learned that the old Southern gentleman is a Republican at heart.

Underneath the Colonel's long coat, he wears a big, gold "Richard Nixon '72" tie clasp. The Colonel told us he is glad the Democrats like his chicken. But he believes the Republicans will do the most finger-licking good for the country.

### Battling Queen Bees

Although the Women's Caucus struggled valiantly to present a united front at the Democratic Convention, we have learned that a major power struggle is brewing inside the women's lib movement between the Caucus's two middle-aged queen bees — Bella Abzug and Betty Friedan.

Militant feminists, who feel they were shortchanged during the Democratic credentials and platform fights, are telling insiders that battling Bella Abzug and glorious Gloria Steinem used old machine-like politics to deliver the women's vote to McGovern.

Betty Friedan, who founded the Women's Caucus two years ago, is reportedly very upset over Bella's partisan attitude toward McGovern. Betty has told friends privately that Bella has failed the women's cause because she won few, if any, concessions from McGovern for her support.

— End of A Dream — Hubert Humphrey, the happy warrior of national politics, has seen his life-long quest for the presidency come to a frustrating end.

Humphrey has spent the last 12 years coming in second in national politics. For four years, he served as the nation's number two man under Lyndon Johnson only to come in second by less than one percent to Richard Nixon in 1968. This year, Hubert has come in second again — this time to his one-time next-door neighbor, George McGovern.

Have these defeats embittered Humphrey? Will he work hard for McGovern? I predict that Humphrey will devote himself fully to electing McGovern president. In a politician like Humphrey, the basic instincts never die. He will campaign as hard for McGovern as he would for himself.