# We Can Invoke Law of Decency

MAYOR MOOERS last night made two valuable suggestions for rooting out objectionable literature.

1. Arouse public opinion against such filth. 2. Refer cases of serious offenders to po-

The mayor spoke at a meeting of the Chemung County Committee for Decent Literature, sharing the platform with State Sen. Harry K. Morton who discussed legislation by which the state hopes to put new teeth into its campaign to remove indecent or questionable reading material from circulation.

The most powerful weapon against offending reading material is public disfavor. When distributors realize that the public is aroused, and that the public will stand beside police in enforcement of the law, the problem will be solved. It won't be solved until then.

So long as there is money to be made with questionable publications, there will be a small group of greasy characters willing to sell them. When the profit ceases, through enforcement of the state's laws and the laws of ordinary decency, the incentive to deal in improper literature is removed.

The public has a powerful weapon. Trouble is, it's slow to use it.

#### The Babe-a Heroine

BABE DIDRIKSON ZAHARIAS was probably the greatest woman athlete of all time. She was also one of the most heroic women of her age.

The Babe, 42, died yesterday of cancer. Straight to the end she called upon her wasting body to compete with the ravaging disease. No one heard her complain.

The world of sports owes a vast debt to the Babe. More, the world in which so many suffer from the same malady that struck her down owes much to her. She wouldn't give up, bringing to the fight all the determination and spirit that had carried her through her unbelievable career as an athlete. Her courage gave inspiration to countless thousands.

#### Coal from the U. S.

WE'VE ALL BEEN amused by the shipping of American coal to Newcastle, England, thus voiding the old figure of speech about that seaport so near Welsh coal mines.

It's a bigger joke than that. The National Coal Association claims our land now is "the coal mine of the world." Asian and European countries which once produced and even exported coal are in the same coal-less boat with England.

What happened? These other countries haven't utilized modern production machines to get out more coal to feed expanding markets. The world uses more power for more machines. So we export.

But the major factor is government ownership or domination of the foreign coal fields. This hampers innovation and curtails efficient production, because politics rather than economics may rule, and removes the profit incentive from management and worker.

### Briefing for Kefauver

PRESIDENT EISENHOWER has arranged for Democratic vice presidential candidate Estes Kefauver to receive confidential briefings on foreign affairs.

Senator Kefauver is the first candidate for second place to receive this honor, accorded only to Thomas E. Dewey, Mr. Eisenhower and Mr. Stevenson as presidential candidates in previous campaigns.

The idea is sound. It puts stress on the importance of the vice presidential office. And it's mighty sporting.

Fifty billions for roads, 7.5 billions for flood control, two or three billions for the farm and some other spending ought to "put a lot of money into circulation." Your money.

More tourists are buying tickets to Russia and other Red lands, but the number of oneway passages bought is infinitesimal.

Some people's idea of public speaking is monopolizing a party line.

## Junior Editorial

#### Are Soon Parted

Did you ever hear that expression? Think it over; there's a lot of truth in it. If you happen to have money, even a small

amount, you will have a chance to fritter it away.

Wise is he or she who saves a little.

# Women May Decide Election

Cost of Living Issue Big Campaign Factor

By SYLVIA PORTER of Women's Activities for the Democratic National Committee, On Nov. 6, for the first time "There are no women's issues and no women's vote, as such.

since American women won the right to vote in 1920, more women than men probably will cast a ballot in a presidential election-and the women's vote well may be crucial in deciding whether Dwight Eisenhower stays in the White House or Adlai Stevenson takes over.

FOR THE FIRST time in these 36 years, say top women strategists in both parties, there is no such thing as a woman's vote or a woman's issue—and they insist they'll make no special appeal to the woman voter.

of the Campaign Committee of the Women's National Republican Club, put it: "It's a mistake to feel that just because they are women,

As Mrs. S. Gutwillig, chairman

they must be approached in a special way in matters relating to government. . . . Women today are mature human beings and want to be treated as such." Mrs. Katie Louchheim, director

Just as many women as men are interested in all the issues." MORE THAN 53.1 million women are eligible to vote this November against 50.6 million

the number of women voting soared 39 per cent against a 16 per cent increase among men. Yet, "officially" at least, neith-

strongly believe there is a great issue in which women take a deeply personal interest.

er party admits there are issues

of special interest to us.

That issue is the cost of living. The GOP freely admits this is a campaign issue and it is prepared to emphasize that, while the cost of living rose 12 per cent during the Truman administration, it has risen only 2 per cent during Eisenhower's administration to date. The Republicans are set to stress the major drop in the dollar's value during

the '40s and contrast this with the relative stability of the dollar since 1953. The GOP argument would have carried much more weight nine months ago than it carries today.

REMARKABLE as was the stability of prices between 1953 and this year, that "stability" shaking badly today. Since January alone, wholesale prices have risen 4 per cent. The entire per cent rise in the cost of living-as measured by the government's price index-has taken place just in the last few months.

If the long period is used as a yardstick, the GOP can make a good argument. If what is happening right now—and what will continue happening to election day—is the yardstick, the Demo-

crats have a honey of an issue. It is the woman who manages most of the family budgets in our land. It is the woman who goes to market and who-without single statistic to back up her statements-can tell a man exactly what is happening to the cost of living.

# Reds Still Hold 11 Yanks

Familiar Road

By CONSTANTINE BROWN

No fewer than 14 months have passed since the State Department, following the meeting at the summit at Geneva, started negotiating with the Chinese Communists over the liberations of American prisoners of war held as common criminals in Communist jails against all tenets of international law.

officially listed at the outset of the negotiations between American Ambassador Alexis Johnson and Communist Ambassador Wang. As a bait to the United States, the men in Peiping permitted six of them to return to the United States soon after the negotiations were started. The others are still confined in filthy

THOSE WHO returned were ordered not to speak to the press or make any public statements about their treatment. The executive departments which had interrogated them and listened to their harrowing tales ruled the files "top secret." Committees of Congress which were given a glimpse at the facts through the testimony of high-ranking officials were pledged not to reveal what they had heard - although they had been told only a small portion of the tragic

The parents and relatives of A FOOL and his money are soon parted. those still imprisoned appealed to the government for some action and were told to have patience. The administration was doing through diplomatic channels all it could to bring about their liberations as well as that of those who had not been listed officially by the Communists.

# The Heavy Fantastic

Christian Science Monitor Soviet woman discus throwof titsky-for-

ed visit of their famous Sad- ance of power be poised on ler's Wells Ballet to Russia. a ballerina's dainty "points," foolish—so humanly so— a "pas de deux," internathat one feels relieved on tional crises be worked up reading about it. If it can- on the timpani, and relaxa- discus thrower into each least a tack away from the And if the United States may?

laboratory-organized, sinister folly of vast political maniclash of the "two worlds." If wars must be foughtcold or otherwise-is this bargain-basement- not a better way to fight them than with armies, air forces, nuclear bombs? Let

the Bolshoi Ballet launch a pated visit of the Bolshoi performance of "Swan Lake" Ballet to Britain. Joining in against Sadler's Wells' "Daphnis and Chloe." Or let choose its suggest calling off a project- own weapons. Let the bal-The whole affair looks so bilateral negotiations become

must send lend-lease to its ways the Radio City Rockettes, formidable with American efficiency.

As we have said, the present moves, threats and counterthreats between leading East and West powers are an improvement over some we have observed in the past. It is better to exchange artistic bombshells, or even "bricks," than to barter atomic bomb blasts.

But would it not be still more to the point to encourage Soviet and British artists to carry the case of Scotland Yard vs. the lady not be called a surge to- tion of tension achieved by other's territory and let the ward sanity, it seems at sudden soft harp arpeggios. plaudits fall where they

There were some 17 such men ALTHOUGH it became evident citizenship - are still at the t of within three months after the mercy of the Chinese Communist Geneva negotiations started that the Chinese representative intended to use the talks with Ambassador Johnson to pave the way for a high-level meeting between Secretary Dulles and Forgoing manner in which the State eign Minister Chou En-lai, Dulles

> ued to meet intermittently twice a month. What they said at those gatherings continues to remain top secret. But the fact is that, besides the Handful of prisoners of war released last year, none of the other Americans on or outside the list presented by the Communists has been released. The fruitless conversations continue. The contention of our officials that more can be achieved by patience than by rushing things and breaking off the talks may hold water when we have to deal with people who

The two ambassadors contin-

did not bite.

with those who use human beings to obtain their political ends. not want to hide their heads in the sand that the Chinese agreed to negotiate the release of prisoners of war — who should have been returned when the Korean armistice was signed — only to compel us to soften our opposi-

"speak our language," but not

tion to Red China's admission to the United Nations. This was to be done in an indirect manner by Dulles' meeting officially with China's Chou Enlai. Ambassador Wang has not ceased repeating at every parley with Johnson that things could speeded up considerably

the two top men foregathered. While the Geneva negotiations at the ambassadorial level are seldom reported in the West, the Chinese Communists are making propaganda hay. The fact that members of the U.S. armed forces - to say nothing of individuals protected by American

Your Congressmen For the guidance of readers who may wish to write them, here are the members of Congress serving the dis-

tricts in the Star-Gazette circulation Address them at the Senate or House Office Building, Washington D. C. SENATE: Irving M. Ives of Norwich: Herbert H. Lehman of New York City; Edward Martin of Washington, Pa.; James H. Duff of Carnegie, Pa. HOUSE: W. Sterling Cole of Bath, 37th N. Y. Congressional District; John Taber of Auburn, 36th Dist.; Alvin R. Bush of Muncy, Pa., 17th

authorities is being used in the Far East regularly to prove the impotence of the American government to protect its citizens. Members of both houses of Congress are irked by the easy-

Department is handling the

## Three Minutes A Day . . .

By JAMES KELLER In her book, "Never Alone,"

Joan Roberts, who played the feminine lead in the stageplay, "Oklahoma," quotes a bit of advice that her mother gave her: "Always remember, Joan," she said, "that whatever talents you have, you got from God; that He made it possible for you to sing that you can make other people happy."

FEW PEOPLE pause in to-IT IS OBVIOUS to all who do day's rush to reflect on the fact that whatever talents they possess come from Almighty God. Too seldom do any of us take time out to remind ourselves that any ability we possess is loaned to us from the Lord. He has entrusted it to us for the brief span of life not merely for our own advantage but for His glory and the good of others. Parents, teachers and all

others who have the privilege of shaping the lives of youth can do a great service by instilling in them a deep sense of responsibility to act as a guide for their

IT REQUIRES much time and patience to get over this important lesson. But once it does become a part of the consciousness of the young, it can have a lasting effect throughout their lives as it did with Joan Roberts.

"The Lord hath given me a tongue for my reward and with it I will praise him." (Ecclesiast-Bless all those who train the

young, O Lord, and grant them the consolation of realizing the great service they can render. The start of school brought

the three R's to Mom-rest, relief and relaxation.

## Editor's Mail On Auditorium . . . and Dogs

In one instance a dog was tied

is a metal barrel: the hottest

thing in summer and the cold-

with no means of escape.

dog whine and cry; also

Another of our complaints is

the fact that owners will tie a

dog as far away from himself as

possible so the uncomfortable,

unhappy dog annoys the neigh-

bor. We, too, wonder if there is

no way to correct these and

officer travel around correcting

the mistreatment of animals and

impositions on others.

We would like to see a humane

Animals are wholly under our

INTERESTED

(Name submitted)

subjection. Let's show a kind-

ness befitting a human being.

Let's start a crusade to bring

Just Folks

By Edgar Guest

THE PURPOSE

He saw the rich in gay attire

And thought to wear the latest

He ought to make his one

He learned that money must be

If well he'd dress or richly

"I'll have to face life at its

He said, "until a fortune's

Through winter's cold and

For money he put friends away

That he could proudly dress

He got his fortune ere he died,

That he'd have greater wealth

KIRK MEETING

here my mother sent a note:

"From Scotland when I landed

Be sure you don't forget your

kirk,' with tenderness she

And so on Wednesday night

went to spend an hour in

saw me kneeling there.

And met the little minister who

'I well recall that Wednesday

The parson's secretary I was very

No one could tell what would

occur when to that kirk I

But in a month or two or more I

"I would not have you say

boast, but I was quite a chap.

took the pencil from her hand,

the notebook from her lap.

Instead of sermons from the kirk

that lady might have penned.

She's sewn the buttons on my

GREAT IMPACT

filial duty is more effectually im-

pressed on the mind of a son or

daughter by reading King Lear.

than by all the dry volumes of

ethics and divinity that ever

were written.-Thomas Jefferson.

shirts and had my socks to

changed that lady's name.

night of fifty years ago;

pleased to know.

If he had only saved his

But found before life's journey

summer's heat,

and pride

He looked about a little while,

owner would not care to live Tripp writes, people read; and under similar conditions. when he talks, people listen. There is no more loyal Elmiran with about three feet of chain than Mr. Tripp, and no better on which to exercise. Its house and more accurate chronicler of its history, its progress, its achievements, its weaknesses. est in winter. We have heard

For these reasons, I was surprised to find no reaction to his seen it in an unendurable heat plea for a Civic Auditorium. No sions on the highways and byways...neither damning nor praising. I believe there is reason for this apathy.

Within The Park Church itself, I am told, there is much opposition to disembowelling the fine old structure, with its rich traditions, etc. A large segment of our citizenry is still bitter over the conversion of the block-wide General Langdon home to a shopping center. Many people wish to preserve what still remains of Wisner Park and Elmira's only approach to a "City about these results.

After World War II, Elmirans pledged almost \$200,000 toward a Civic Auditorium, with some \$125,000 cash actually paid in. Then the plan died and the money was refunded.

A few years later we allowed the National Soaring Meet to get away from us. Then we lost a ball team, though Elmirans were quite blameless. A local committee mulled over the purchase of the Strand Theater, reportedly obtainable for a small fraction of its cost or value. This, too, died a natural death.

With empty stores up and down Water St. (contrasted with phenomenal growth and progress of nearby Corning with its exciting plans for the future) and other marks of local decay, I can well understand Frank Tripp's And so he went from day to day annoyance and his pessimism.

As regards a Civic Auditorium, wish to quote two prominent local citizens, one a businessman and the other a highly-placed city official.

The first gentleman has this to say: "If the future of baseball is practically dead here (as everywhere in communities of this size), and since the high schools have their own playing field, why not convert Dunn Field into a Civic Auditorium or Amphithe-It already has parking for a few hundred cars, and more space could be acquired. Mr. Tripp failed to take into consideration the fact that parking space would be lacking on The Park Church site, plus the tremendous cost of the conversion of the church, even i

this were possible." The second citizen was even more pronounced on the subject: "A Civic Auditorium large enough to serve the purpose Mr. Tripp outlines should be built a few miles outside the city. It should serve the county and hope for support from the whole 50mile trading (and sports-loving) area. I would build on that flat about four miles west of Fitch's Bridge, with a building or arena large enough to seat a minimum of 4,000 persons, and parking space for about 1,000

"If you look as little as five years into the future and study similar projects in other communities, you will find that these buildings are on the perimeter of cities and far beyond. Moreover it should be a countywide project and the county should not hesitate to bond itself over a long period to the tune of a million dollars. It should easily be self-supporting."

So with three points of view as a starter, I would like to see this newspaper carry the ball from here. I know that the citizens I have quoted, as well as Mr. Tripp and this writer, would be liberal supporters and generous givers to what Mr. Tripp points out as Elmira's Number

LEON MARKSON

WANTS 'CRUSADE'

To the Editor:-Thanks "Concerned" for the letter calling attention to unkind and inhuman treatment of dogs by their owners.

We drift around the countryside a great deal, enjoying its overseas missions have over 6,300 beauties, but often a tour is local employes on their staffs. marred by noting the condition under which a dog or other ani-

seen dogs tied out in the burning sun to a small, low, heatabsorbing house with no ventilation except the small opening which admits the dog. The house was as suffocating as the sun

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## McCarthy Vanishes As Issue

When Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R., Wisc.) was censured by the Senate in December, 1954. his supporters warned that senators voting against him would be defeated in 1956, senators on his side would be reelected. The warning was directed chiefly at Republican senators, inasmuch as the Democrats had made censure a party commitment and every single Democrat lined up

against McCarthy. Censure was by a three-fourths vote, 67 to 22. For censure were 45 Democrats (including Morse of Oregon, then an independent) and 22 Republicans; against censure, 22 Republicans. Two more Democrats were paired for centwo more Republicans against it. (McCarthy voted

"present.") Well, Republican senators up reelection this year voted about the same way on McCarthy as those who aren't up until 1958 or 1960—that is, half one way and half the other. Of 14 up this year seven voted for censure, seven voted against cen-

For censure - Aiken (Vt.) Bennett (Utah), Bush (Conn.), Carlson (Kan.), Case (S. D.), (N. H.), Duff (Pa.). Against censure-Butler (Md.), Capehart (Ind.) by pair, Dirksen (Ill.), Hickenlooper (Ia.), Kuchel (Calif.), Walker (Ida.), Young (N. D.).

All in all, then, any fear of the voters in 1956 that might have dictated individual Senate votes on McCarthy in 1954 seems to have had more a regional than a national basis. And present indications are that McCarthy will be little of an issue in November 1956 even in those areas where he was very much an issue in December 1954.

## With Words

By MRS. FRANK COLBY What's the Origin?

What is meant by "the land of steady habits"? Answer: Connecticut is thus sometimes humorously designated, in allusion to the settled customs of its people. The old Puritanical "blue laws" remained in operation here longer than any-

where else. There is an amusing story behind the word "Eureka!" which means literally "I have found it!" It is said that Archimedes was consulted by the King of Syracuse in regard to a gold crown which he suspected of being alloyed with silver. The mathematician's problem was, "How was the fraud, if any, to be detected?" He pondered over the matter for a long time, wellnigh hopeless of a solution, when he got into his bath. The bath was full, and overflowed. Then the thought occurred to him: Exactly as much water must overflow as was equal in volume to the size of his body. Quick as lightning followed another thought: If he put the crown into a vessel of water, and weighed the overflow, then put into the water a piece of pure gold weighing exactly as much as the crown, the overflow should weigh exactly as much in one case as in the other, provided the crown were pure. Electrified by this thought, he leaped from the bath and ran naked through the A lively and lasting sense of streets, shouting "Eureka! Eureka!" The cry is now used an an exclamation of triumph at a discovery, or a supposed discovery. Eureka! is the motto of the

# Questions & Answers

By HASKIN

For answers to questions of fact write The Star-Gazette Information Bureau, 1200 Eye St., N.W., Washington, 5, D. C. Enclose 3 cents postage.

Q. How many employes of the U. S. Information Agency are on foreign duty? P.W.

A. The total is about 1,000. As of June 30, 1956, there were 128 persons stationed in Central and South America, 365 in Europe, 266 in the Far East, and 236 in the Near East, South Asia, and Africa. In addition, the U.S.I.A.

Q. When a letter doesn't carry Post Office sometimes collect postage due from the addressee. and sometimes return the letter to the sender? M.E.

A. If a 1st class letter carries 3c in stamps, and should have had 6c, the letter is delivered and the 3c due is collected from the addressee. In this case, the by the sender. If, however, the the world's most complete colsender puts on only 1c or 2c lections of Bibles. It is open to

the basic rate, and the letter is returned to the sender. Q. What is the biggest meteo-

State of California, in allusion

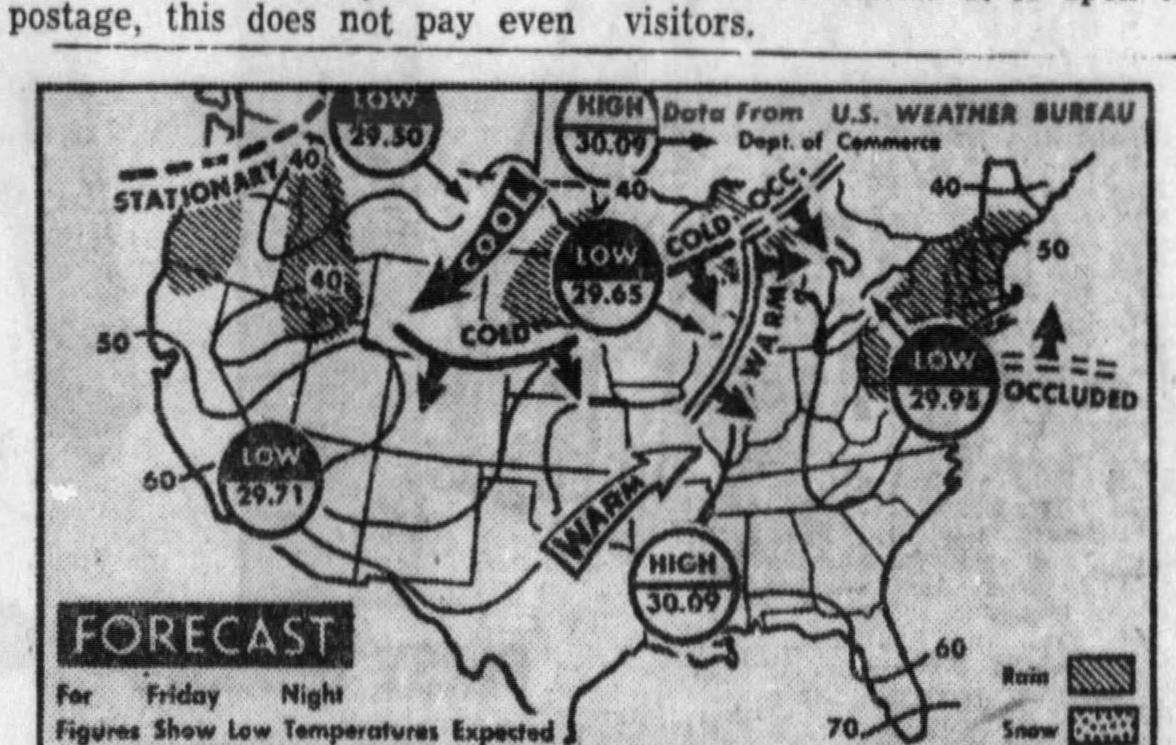
to the discovery of gold there.

rite known? C.A.L. A. The Hoba West meteorite. believed to weigh between 50 and 60 tons, is the largest known to exist on earth. It is partly buried

where it fell, near Grootfontein,

Southwest Africa. Q. How far is it from New York to San Francisco? G.M. A. The road mileage is 3,080 miles; average driving time is 72

Q. In how many languages has the Bible been published? L.M. A. In the American Bible Society collection at its New York headquarters there are nearly 20,000 volumes of the Scriptures, basic letter rate (3c) was paid in 999 languages. This is one of



RAIN IS EXPECTED tonight in New England, with showers in the Lakes region, Dakotas, Idaho and Nevada. It will be clear and sunny along the Gulf coast, and in the lower Mississippi and Tennessee valleys. Elsewhere it will be cloudy or partly cloudy. It will be cooler in the upper Plains and warmer in the upper Mississippi valley and lower Lakes area.