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Penny's Serenade

By W. L. PENBERTHY =

"Blue Monday" is a name that has been given to the second day of the week by many people. I do not know the origin of the name but I imagine the day was so named by that group of people who normally had a vacation of a day and a half-from Saturday noon until Monday morning-each week and who dreaded getting back into the harness. It was hard for them to get going on Monday and things didn't seem to go right so thus the name "Blue." I do not think that the designation is used to any extent among rural folks or folks whose daily tasks must be carried out seven days

Vacations are something all of us look forward to and I am sure that in many cases the anticipation is greater than the realization. Vacations are given for the purpose of refreshing us in anticipation of the succeeding days, weeks, months or years work. In my opinion a vacation is a very necessary item in our budget of time. Many of us look forward to nice long vacations and we enjoy them a lot, I am sure, but I like the idea of a little vacation each and every day taken in some wholesome worthwhile activity. I would especially recommend this schedule to those who have the "Blue Monday" feeling after a vacation. Also during these troubled times if we are to have vacations we must take them daily as we

We have many students come to us on Monday mornings reporting that they had a heavy week-end and that they don't feel like taking part in the class activities. Needless to say we turn a deaf ear to this type of excuse because although the teaching of recreational activities is our life we believe in using every means of promoting them, we do not agree with the idea that one should have a vacation to taper off from a vacation just taken.

I feel that the sooner we learn that we should not let vacations, short or long, interfere with our regular duties, the more successful and the happier we will be. I have observed that many of us make matters worse by giving way to our tired feelings but I have found that in my own case when I feel listless on Monday mornings that I feel much better if I drive myself and get off to a good start. The tired, listless feeling soon leaves and the world is bright and cheery again. Otherwise the tired feeling continues all day.

I know a big man in this state who likes to see his son enjoy social affairs but if the son is out late on a Friday night he sees that the boy is up bright and early Saturday morning carrying out his daily duties. He is teaching that son a valuable lesson in the

relationship of work to play.

Let's work hard and play hard—each in its time.

Quotable Quotes

"Nothing could possibly emphasize more strongly the vital importance of a free press than the absence of any free press today in a majority of the nations in this modern world. Tens of millions of intelligent human beings are purposely kept in darkness as to events which most gravely and intimately concern them, their prosperity and their happiness, at the behest of small groups of ruling tyrants and dictators. There are abuses of a free press, no doubt, but they are unimportant in comparison with the absence of a free press. The founders of our national life were men who combined unexampled vision with practical sagacity. When they insisted upon a free press, they knew precisely what they were doing, and the American people will always bless them as outstanding benefactors."—Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, president, Columbia Univer-

Man, Your Manners

By I. Sherwood ____

The hat is removed wherever and whenever a man is greeted by a woman. He replaces it immediately unless he stops to talk, and then strict etiquette demands that he remain "bare-headed" until they part or decide to walk together. However, young people are not so strict about this rule and do not consider it improper if a man replaces his hat after the greeting and removes it again briefly upon parting.

The hat is always removed in the presence of ladies in any building which constitutes a dwelling place—in apartment houses, hotels, and clubs—and always when a man enters a church or house

Other occasions for removing the hat are in elevators at apartment houses, hotels, and clubs, but not in office buildings, stores or public corridors. And lastly, civilians always remove their hats for the national flag, the national anthem and while attending a funeral or waiting for a funeral procession to pass.

The hat is lifted whenever a man speaks or replies to a stranger, whether lady or gentleman. If he is in the company of another person of either sex, and that person greets someone, be it man or woman, he should lift his hat. And if he is alone and meets a male acquaintance who is with a lady, he must also lift his hat whether he knows her or not.

The gesture is also required when he restores to a lady some object she may have dropped. A man should lift his hat for an old gentleman and for a member of the

War Comments

By Walter F. Goodman, Jr.

From what little news the government is putting out these days it is frequently hard to always draw a complete picture of a situation. The war communiques we have been receiving lately concerning the recently developing naval operations in the South Pacific have invariably been delayed all the way from two days to two weeks. However, t seems perfectly clear that something big is on the way. The offensive in this area carries more significance than merely the desire to retake the Solomon Islands. It is through these islands that all the lend-lease aid and all the troops and material being sent to the South Pacific is being transported. But there is another reason to again possess these strategical islands. Any major let's make it 15,000! air attack would almost of necessity need some sort of a base within the radius of these islands from Australia.

If these islands along with New Guinea they sing this little ditty these are cheaper than certain dance and the rest of the East Indies could again days, "We'll not nap, we'll slap the spots, and a lot more to the point. come into the hands of the allied forces, Japs, and hang the paperhanger Australia would not only be safe from a of Berlin. And one day—we'll Calisthenics... surprise air or land borne attack, but the life catch up with the Eyeties". . . of blood of our war machine could be replen- course, they have a tune for it. ished. Perhaps the ostensible abandonment and speaking of the armed forces, of Russia is the motivation of this major of- ex-Battalion editor Don Gabriel is fensive, for if the Caucasus oil is lost this in Alaska, and ex-leader of the when the college goes back on year Russia will have to then turn to her Aggieland, Toppie Pierce has a standard time September 26. This allies for not only supplies but oil to keep permanent station at Wright Field, is just rumor today, but if it's alive. I don't think it would be too presump- Dayton, Ohio, has just bought a "fact" tomorrow, a lot of guys are tive to hazard a guess that the Japanese new car and is fixing to tie the going to kick about their afternavy is probably divided today between the knot! See what a contract can do noon "naps" being disturbed, and I nd South Pacific Oceans. If this then for is the case and the greatest part of our navy is engaged in this action, we can probably = expect to see the greatest naval engagement of all time between the American and Japa-

The Home Front

Honestly, if the present national situation isn't enough to make every loyal American want to do as much as he possibly can For the past week there have that the proceeds from this dance to help, I don't believe we will ever have been rumors to the effect that the go into the class's Senior Ring full cooperation! For the eighth time in this Sophomores have already signed Dance fund and therefore should war, vital war industries have had unreason- up a band for their annual ball to have a definite financial aim beable strikes called in which the Government be held September the fourth. This hind it are the main reasons a has had to take a hand to keep the ball rollis plain rumor. At press time the name band hasn't been contacted ing. The most recent one only had a little only orchestra that had been con- as yet. over 1,000 men involved who were demand- tacted was the Aggieland. You Regardless of the band that is ing a slight pay increase and double pay for may rest assured that the orches- finally selected, the Sohpomores their vacations. A more unreasonable detra committee is trying to get the should get behind the various command at the present time is hard to imagine, best orchestra available, but it mittees and strive to make this Of course the government could sanction no seems as though some of the Soph- the finest Soph Ball yet. By the such disturbance to the war effort and the omores want an orchestra such as way, those of you that are "Bigplant was immediately taken over.

Thus the initiative of the national gov- other equally well known bands. around. The Aggieland might be ernment grows, but if it really had the power To you let me remind you that a Big Name Band in the next few of its convictions it would make any such this is Texas; there is a war on, (See MEANDERINGS, Page 4) action on the part of selfish individuals and which makes transportation a magroups a war time crime. This fear of usurp- jor factor; big name bands are ing the rights of individuals of a democracy scarce down here in comparison has no place in time of national emergencies. with the northern states; besides Not only should labor be taken by the nape this you must remember that there of the neck and made to toe the line, but in the question of price ceilings and wage ceilthead with the get a "Big Name Band", ings, all bickering should be dispensed with all of these reasons plus the fact and the suggestions of our leaders taken.

Sufficeth this to prove my theme withal, That every bullet hath a lighting place. -George Gascoigne

The direct foe of courage is the feat itself, not the object of it; and the man who can overcome his own terror is a hero and more. - George Macdonald.

The microbes have a major chemical task. They are found in swamps and elsewhere where organic matter is decomposed without free oxygen. They produce methane gas-the ordinary household gas-from organic matter.

The University of Nebraska is about to begin preparation for aeronautics textbooks for use in high schools throughout the na-

PRIVATE BUCK ... By Clyde Lewis



"Guess we'll have to put some lead in Buck's shoes, Captain. The 'chute weighs more than he does!"

Fitch and Co.'s . . .

... Bandwagon ride the 13th of ... Seems to be the question normal fish should?... Then who September is open to the public, with the new students this fall. doesn't remember the Texas U. Incidentally, College Station drug- better get together on it. One says in the southeast corner of The gists have had to write for three there will the other says there Grove Saturday night. . and it gists have had to write for three there will, the other says there Jack Hood, front-line regular more batches of ballots, and a tot- won't be any more freshmen cal-Backwasher now in the local inal of somewhere in the neighbor- led "frogs." hood of 10,000 votes are expected for the Aggieland when the count Society . . . is made Sunday night. . . incidentally, voting is open until midnight ...here abouts will dance this year Sunday, with ballot boxes in the to a Barnyard Frolic thrown as Aggieland pharmacy, Liscomb's and a corps dance. . . complete with three Bryan drug stores. In a local hay and corn, it will convene in count the other night, every vote The Grove the night after the it was for the Field Artillery Band! night September 4. . .simple math-Hit those ballot boxes ole' army, ematics put the B. Y. F. the fifth.

Frogs or fishes

at least that public wide tickets. . . Walter Cardwell admits that the baseball game last year. . . as well Free tickets may be had by writ- question isn't settled, but he and as the little blonde that the boys ing Radio Station WFAA, Dallas. E. L. Angell, prexy's chief of staff, actually took turns dancing with

was for the Aggieland except one— Sophomore Ball, which is Friday Thursday - Friday - Saturday incidentally, Aggies aren't saving their money like they

Texas' bomb-blasters should by staying away from a ... At Houston's Ellington Field certin night spot. . . Juke boxes

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Maybe it "can't happen here" of sabteurs. and maybe it has already happen- Lots of loose ends exist in Sabed and is happening every day, oteur" that leave the audience Sabotage in all its sordidness and guessing as to what ever happened. treachery is the subject of the but all in all the movie is a good movie at the Campus theatre to- one, with Robert Cummings turnday through Saturday. Priscilla ing an excellent portrayal of his Lane, Robert Cummings and Otto part Kruger are playing in "SABO- The Lowdown- all about "sab-

A story to arouse your patri- name for "rats". otic emotions and make you boil up inside with hatred of our country's enemies, "Saboteur" portrays Robert Cummings as a defense plant worker. He's accused of setting fire to the plant, filling the fire extenquishers with gasoline,

Still-Talked-About...

Is Hotard's famous chicken-a-la-king, and why do all the F. A. fish "boo" when they march firmary, doesn't hurry up and get Box Office Opens at 1:00 P. M. well, the reserves will be out of soap. Good luck, Jack.

It's TOWN HALL tomorrow and killing his best friend, so night, with Jean Dickenson of ra- consequently he runs away theredio and opera bringing the corps by starting a chase that leads all

consisting of light operatic and friend, tries to turn him over to semi-classical pieces. As in the past the authorities at first, but then, the Town Hall program featuring when she sees he's really innocent, Miss Dickenson is expected to be she aids him. Together, they manage to round up a powerful ring

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WHAT'S SHOWING At Guion Hall

Thursday, Friday-"The Cowboy and the Lady", with Gary Cooper and Merle Ob-

At The Campus

Thursday, Friday, Saturday-"Saboteur", with Robert Cummings and Priscilla



TODAY -- FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

Johnny Weissmuller Maureen O'Sullivan

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