

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR Readers Unhappy About Fairy Tale

Editor, The Battalion:

In your editorial column of the Batt, Feb. 29, there was a fairy tale that would have made Mr. Grimms sit up and take notice; however, there was a slight omission (on the part of the linotypist, no doubt) which should be placed in a spot of some prominence.

The top caste members of this make-believe land assembled and agreed that rather than send a second-lowest caste into the all powerful mystic circle, where only those of the highest caste may speak and be heard, it would choose one of its own.

Our castle must not go unheralded, they cried. Those of the next lowest caste agreed. However, when the news came out that a highest caste member had won, a town crier from some far-away castle cried—unjust, unfair, Un-American, and prejudice, for he had nothing really to shout about.

Now very few of the people of this great castle paid any heed to the ravings of this misguided town crier, but the few that did heed, stamped their hoofs, wiggled their great pointed ears and sighed—"did you hear what he said, did you hear what he said?" He called us the upper caste,—the UP-PER CASTE."

This is the true story and this is the true ending; an unhappy one for some, but a happy one for most. The people of the magic castle went back to their humdrum existence in the castle, after shaking their fist at the crier and shouting—you keep your bull out of our pea patch, we know where to get fertilizer if we need it.

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More Unhappiness

Editor, The Battalion:

As long as the Batt is printing fairy tales, here is one which might be interesting.

Once upon a time there was a great and noble country. This country was large and powerful for one reason only. Its method of government was composed of four branches which were called 1, 2, 3, 4.

Branch 1 would perform the administrative duties, and the execution of this branch's policies was left to branches 2, 3, and 4. Nearly everyone liked this system, because they knew that someday they would be in branch 1 and would be able to govern the country. Also in this government there was a very important agency whose duty it was to distribute all important news to all citizens in this country, whether they were in branch 1, 2, 3, or 4.

Now this country had been ruled for many years by many wise kings, but all this time a subversive terrorist organization known as "2 per cent" had been gaining strength. Then one day the old king left the country and a new king took over.

Now this new king was not so strong or popular a ruler as had been his predecessor, so the group of terrorists, the dread 2 per cent decided here was their chance to overthrow the government. First they seized control of the very important agency which was supposed to spread information to members of the four branches and instead of information, this agency soon began to publish nothing but the propaganda the dreaded terrorist wanted them to print.

Now the sad part of the tale is in the fact that many citizens of the great country, especially those in branches 3 and 4, are believing the propaganda the dreaded terrorist are spreading through the information spreading agency. One member of branch 3 believed this so strongly that he decided he should help govern the great country while he was still in branch 3 and not wait until he was in branch 1. Fortunately he was not successful.

The dreaded terrorist had the information spreading agency spread many protest, but the citizens who are loyal to the great country will take what they say with a grain of salt.

Of course, the dreaded terrorist are still very strong and growing stronger, but victories like this make all loyal citizens believe there may be hope for the great country after all.

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ANOTHER GUSHER COMES IN



Showtime

Garfield Runs-Up Success in Movie

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"He Ran All the Way" starring John Garfield, Shelly Winters, and Wallace Ford—United Artists—Guion Hall.

"He Ran All the Way," now sprinting across the Guion Hall screen, kicks the overworked subject of psychiatry off its leather couch, to present an entertaining crime drama minus all types of fixations, manias, and complexes.

John Garfield plays a simple down to earth punk who after kill-

ing a guard in a payroll robbery hides out in the apartment of a middle class family after taking them prisoner. Garfield who has been pushing actors around on the screen for the last 15 years, turns in one of his better portrayals as the scared, suspicious young criminal who hates society and the world. Flashing his revolver in practically every scene he vividly conveys varied emotions of fear, lust, gentleness, and animal ferocity.

SHELLY Winters, the girl who unsuspectingly takes the fugitive home to meet the family and lives to regret it, plays her part to the hilt, turning in a performance second only to her celebrated role in "A Place in the Sun." Depicting another plain naive girl, Miss Winters recites her lines with a sincerity that depicts a true sympathy for the tragic character she portrays.

Wallace Ford is good as the bewildered and frightened father who suddenly finds his family trapped in a web of danger from which there seems no escape.

ALTHOUGH the actors are in top form, it is the straight plot minus all psychiatric complications that places "He Ran All the Way" above the average in hoodlum melodrama. The scripters have portrayed their principal character as a victim of society not a fugitive from a padded cell or a frustrated individual suffering from a mother complex.

By handling Garfield's role in this manner, the director is able to get a maximum of staccato action from his material rather than the dreariness of a hospital waiting room.

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Hershey Explains Workings Of College Qualification Test

Major General Lewis B. Hershey, Director of Selective Service, today reminded college students that applications for the April 24 Selective Service Qualification Test must be postmarked not later than midnight March 10.

The deadline is necessary to allow the administrators of the test, the Educational Testing Service at Princeton, N. J., time to process the applications and assign each applicant to the testing center requested by the student—or to the closest possible alternative center—also to make administration arrangements consistent with the number who will take the test.

There are more than 1,000 testing centers throughout the United States and its Territories.

Local Exams

College Station and vicinity tests will be given in the MSC Ballroom under the direction of Dr. Walter Varvel of the education and psychology department. The time will be announced later.

National Headquarters estimates that upward to 100,000 will make application to take the April 24 test. This will be the last test given during the current academic year.

Application blanks may be obtained by students from the nearest local board. They do not have to return home to the local board which has jurisdiction over them.

To be eligible to take the Selective Service Qualification Test, an applicant, on the testing date:

- Must be a selective-service registrant who intends to request deferment as a student;
- Must be satisfactorily pursuing a full-time college course—undergraduate or graduate—leading to a degree;
- Must not previously have taken the test.

National Headquarters said recently completed statistics revealed that 61.3 per cent of the 19,571 students who took the Dec. 13, 1951 test made a score of 70 or better. Of the approximately 340,000 who took the first four tests, 63 per cent made a score of 70 or better.

The criteria for consideration for deferment as a student at the present time is either a score of

70 or better on the Selective Service Qualification Test or class standing among the male members in the upper half of the freshman class, upper two thirds of the sophomore class or upper three fourths of the junior class.

Seniors accepted for admission to a graduate school satisfy the criteria if they are among the upper half of the male members of their senior class, or they make a score of 75 or better.

Graduates OK

Students already enrolled in graduate schools may be considered for deferment so long as they remain in good standing.

These criteria are guides for the local boards. The local boards are under no compulsion to follow them, but any local board classification is subject to appeal. The appeal must be filed in writing with the local board within 10 days of the date the local board mails the notice of classification.

General Hershey has urged all eligible students to take the test so they will have scores in their files when the local boards reconsider their cases to determine whether or not they meet the criteria for deferment as students. He has emphasized many times that the present criteria are variables which may be raised or lowered either to increase or decrease the number of students as the national interest shall require.

General Hershey also has repeatedly stressed that no deferment is an exemption. "A deferment is a delay or postponement,"

he said, "and in no way cancels the duty of the registrant to meet his obligations."

A score of 70 on the Selective Service Test, General Hershey has pointed out, does not mean a student answered 70 questions correctly, nor does it mean 70 per cent. A score of 70 on the Selective Service Test indicates the same level of ability as a score of 120 on the Army general classification test. Only 16 per cent of the entire population of this country are capable of achieving such a score.

Many students have been confused in differentiating between the I-S and II-S deferments. The II-S deferment is considered on the basis of class standing or qualification test and is discretionary on the part of the local board.

Year to Year

It may be granted by the local board each successive year, thus enabling students who continue to meet the criteria to complete their education.

The I-S deferment, on the other hand, is provided for by the law. A college student ordered to report for induction while he is satisfactorily pursuing a full-time course is entitled to this I-S deferment until he finishes his academic year provided he has not had his induction postponed or been deferred as a student prior to June 19, 1951.

He may be given but one such deferment and it is incumbent upon him to notify his local board of his status when he receives the order to report for induction.

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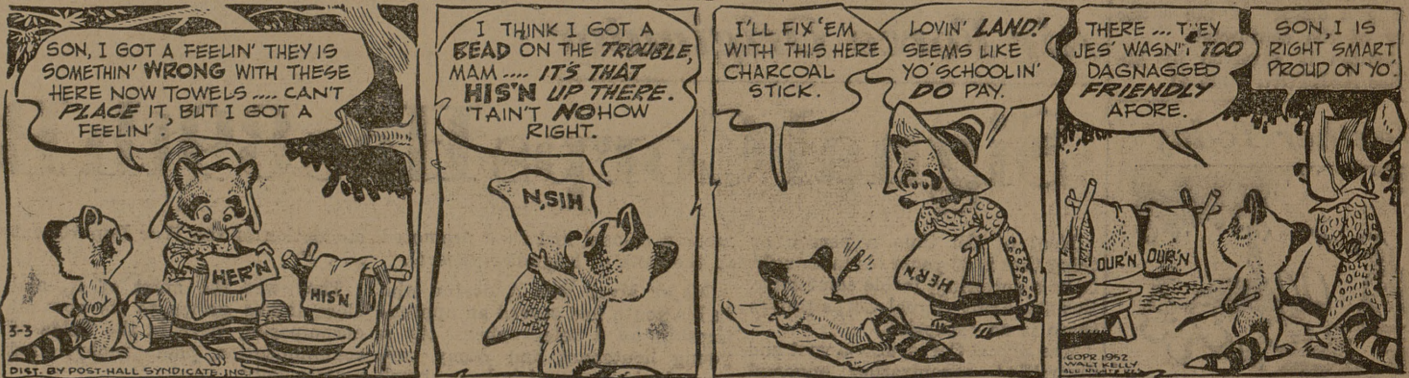
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