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Commentary on the Pledge of Allegiance

by Red Skelton

The following words were spoken by the late Red Skelton on his TV program as he related the story of his teacher, Mr. Laswell, who felt students had come to think of the Pledge of Allegiance as merely something to recite in class each day. (*Do students even recite the Pledge in school today?*)

"I've been listening to you boys & girls recite the Pledge of Allegiance all semester. It seems it is becoming monotonous to you. May I recite it and try to explain to you the meaning of each word?"

I – me, an individual, a committee of one.

Pledge – dedicate all of my worldly goods to give without self pity.

Allegiance – my love and my devotion.

To the Flag – our standard, Old Glory, a symbol of freedom. Wherever she waves, there's respect because your loyalty has given her a dignity that shouts freedom is everybody's job!

United – that means that we have all come together.

States – individual communities that have united into 48 great states. Forty-eight individual communities with pride and dignity and purpose; all divided with imaginary boundaries, yet united to a common purpose, and that's love for country.

And To the Republic – a state in which sovereign power is invested in representatives chosen by the people to govern. And government is the people and from the people to the leaders, not from the leaders to the people.

For Which It Stands, One Nation – one nation, meaning "so blessed by God."

Indivisible – incapable of being divided.

With Liberty – which is freedom, the right of power to live one's own life without threats, fear of some sort of retaliation.

And Justice – the principle or quality of dealing fairly with others.

For All – which means, boys and girls, it's as much your country as it is mine.

"Since I was a small boy, 2 states have been added to our country and 2 words have been added to the Pledge of Allegiance... the words **Under God**. Wouldn't it be a pity if someone said that is a prayer and that prayers should be eliminated from schools too?" Red Skelton.

"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic, for which it stands; one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Miranda & Makala Simon donate their hair to children stricken with cancer



Miranda Simon (10 years old) and her sister Makala Simon (9 years old) are shown here with their shorter hairstyles holding the hair they are donating to Locks of Love. Locks of Love is a program that makes wigs for children who have lost their hair because of cancer treatments. To donate a minimum of 10 inches of hair is needed. The hair is sent to Florida where it will be made into wigs for child cancer patients. It is a wonderful gesture of love that both these girls were excited to participate in. They are the daughters of Jim & Tricia Simon. Jim is Simonson Lumber's (Distribution) tractor trailer driver.

More information on the Locks of Love program can be found at Lockoflove.org.

We would like to express our sympathy to the Monticello yard and the friends & family of Kory Anderson. Kory passed away as the result of injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident on July 4th.

We also offer condolences to Paul Lahr & family. Paul's father passed away July 21st in Eden Valley.



Valleyfair

Cherie has "Late Season" discount tickets for Valleyfair if you are interested. The tickets are good for August 28th through the 31st and weekends through October 29th. Late season ticket prices are \$19.50 for adults and \$9.95 for children. A special "Halloween Haunt" will be held Friday, Saturday & Sunday October 7th through October 29th. Call Cherie at 320-252-9385 and don't miss the fun!



News from the Yards

Crosslake reports that Nora Castle (counter sales) and her husband Bob took 3 weeks off work to ride their Harleys out to Sturges SD then on to CA for vacation.

Congratulations to Seth Hewitt (Crosslake's yard/driver) who became the father of a baby boy on August 10th. Jordan Seth Hewitt weighed 7lbs 11oz at birth. Everyone is doing fine!

Monticello is proud to have 2 employee's sons serving in the military overseas. Cory

Simonson All Company Picnic

Did you the Simonson Pillager? We that it was humid that



make it to Picnic in understand really hot & day, but it didn't stop the fun. Especially popular was the "Dunk Tank" ... with Matt Murphy taking a dip! Congratulations to the \$500 Cabela's Gift Certificate grand prize winner, Brian Knettel. A special "Thanks" goes to the Event's Committee & everyone who helped plan, volunteered to help with the food, worked the games & helped with the cleanup. We appreciate everyone's efforts in making it a success.

and more News...

Alexandria reports that the 2006 Vikingland Builders Association Home Tour will be held the weekend of August 26th - 27th. Contractors from the Alexandria area will be showing 5 homes on the tour.

The guys from Simonson Lumber are "walking" again this year. Tony Borka just completed a "Relay for Life" in Forest Lake walking the football field all night long to raise donations. And in September, Roger Kauffman will be walking the 50 mile MS Walk in the Metro. Jody Hess is walking for American Diabetes Association

You can be pretty sure that the person who starts by saying, "Maybe I'm wrong" is sure that he's right.

--- Earl Wilson

FINAL EXAM

Four college students decided to go partying the weekend before their final exams.



They had a great time, but they slept all day Sunday and didn't make it back to college in time for their first exam.

When they did return, they told the professor that they had a flat tire and no spare. This was the reason for their absence. The professor was understanding of the situation and agreed to let them take the final the following morning.

The next day when they showed up to take the exam, he placed them in separate rooms and handed each one a test. On the page was one question: "Which tire went flat?"



Birthday Greetings!

September:

Paul N. 9/06, Scott K. 9/07, Jody H. 9/09, Bradley K. 9/09, Josh S. 9/17, Sadie H. 9/19, David M. 9/19, Jason D. 9/20, Shannon S. 9/20, Ben K. 9/25, Matt S. 9/27, Greg V. 9/29 and Timothy W. 9/30.

October:
Melissa M. 10/02, Wayne H. 10/03, Larry H. 10/05, John H. 10/08, Linda B. 10/10, Matt M. 10/13, Joe T. 10/14, Frank A. 10/14, Betsy R. 10/14, Roxanne J. 10/14, Aaron H. 10/18, Justin T. 10/18, Craig E. 10/24, Danny B. 10/29, and Tony B. 10/30.

November:

Tom W. 11/02, Dennis D. 11/03, Jim S. 11/05, Brandon V. 11/06, Irene S. 11/06, Ken F. 11/08, Derik T. 11/09, Brian K. 11/21, Joe S. 11/24, Rob C. 11/25, Wayne B. 11/25, Ed H. 11/27, Luke B. 11/28, and Jerome K. 11/30.

A Failure?

The numbers he put up as a major league owner and manager were not too impressive at the end of his career.

He lost 3,814 games, a major league record. He was forced to sell his team in 1951 because of its poor financial condition.

As a fiscal manager, he probably was one of the worst owners in the history of sports.

But the records he set in the early years of professional baseball will never be broken.

He built the Philadelphia Athletics around pitching and won world championships in 1910, 1911, 1913, 1929, and 1930.

Even the Yankees, with Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig, couldn't stop his teams.

Cornelius MacGuillicuddy, better known as Connie Mack, set the record for the most games managed (7755) and most games won (3753). His record of 50 years of managing one team will most likely never be broken.

Point of View

A dog thinks: Hey, these people I live with feed me, love me, provide a nice warm, dry house, pet me and take good care of me – they must be gods!



A cat thinks: Hey, these people I live with feed me, love me, provide me with a warm, dry house, pet me and take good care of me – I must be God!

The Design Team has moved



Effective August 1st, they are located a short distance from their former location at 1317 ~ 2nd Street South, Waite Park, MN 56387. Stop out and visit their new offices when you are in town. They will be happy to show you around. The phone number is still 320-252-1517 and their fax number is still 320-252-1518.



Those who flee temptation generally leave a forwarding address.



Congratulations to Cari Schommer, now Stumpf, (The Design Team) who was married to David Stumpf on June 9th. We wish them much happiness as they begin their new life together.



Check Out Our Benefits Website

We are proud to introduce our new Employee Benefits Website. Designed to help our employees & family members access our current benefit information 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. To access this information go to:

<http://www.simonson-lumber.com> then click on Employment and then on Employee Benefits. Included in the benefits site are common employee forms such as:

- direct deposit forms
- employee address
- W4 changes
- emergency contact information.

You should have received a "Benefits" business card with pertinent log-in and password. Keep this card handy for reference if you have benefit questions.

Need help? Call Cherie at 320-252-9385.