Maine Gets NEA’s Top Billing

Iowa Physicians And Newsmen Codify Relations

Harold L. Cross, newspaper lawyer and Skowhegan farmer, has sent the Maine Journalist a copy of Iowa’s new code of cooperation adopted by news, medical, and allied professional groups. The text follows:

CODE OF COOPERATION to guide the medical profession and hospitals in their relationships with newspapers, radio and television news broadcasters.

THESE CONSIDERATIONS MUST BE FUNDAMENTAL: The primary obligation and responsibility of all doctors and all hospital personnel is the welfare of the patient.

Newspapers and radio news broadcasts exist for the common good, to bring matters of general interest and importance to the public quickly and correctly.

In addition to these general principles, the following rules are suggested for specific instances:

DOCTORS—HOSPITALS

The name of the attending doctor shall be made available to the newsmen, if requested, but the doctor’s name shall not be used in the news without his consent. He shall give information to the press and radio where it does not endanger the doctor-patient relationship, or violate the confidence, privacy, or legal rights of the patient.

Each hospital shall designate spokesmen who shall be competent to give authentic information to the press, radio, and television in emergency cases at any time of the day or night. Information shall be provided as rapidly as possible without interfering with the health of the patient.

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Erwin Canham And Sen. Smith Head Speakers

Two Maine natives will be keynote speakers at the spring meeting of the National Editorial Association in New York City, Feb. 14-16.

Association President Bernard E. Esters, Houlton Pioneer-Times, has announced that Erwin D. Canham, editor of the Christian Science Monitor, and Sen. Margaret Chase Smith, U. S. Senator from Maine, will deliver the principal addresses.

Canham will speak on “A Free Press in a Free World” at the Feb. 15 luncheon at the Park Sheraton Hotel. Mrs. Smith will be the luncheon speaker the following day.

In announcing the speakers, President Esters said, “Lest anyone think that it is coincidence that these first two headliners for our program are natives of the State of Maine, be assured that it is not. It was design pure and simple. I confess it without shame.”

Born in Auburn, Maine, Canham is a graduate of Bates College. He began his newspaper career with the Monitor in 1925, rose through the ranks to editor in 1945.

No stranger to the newspaper field herself, Mrs. Smith was for nine years associated with the Skowhegan Independent-Reporter as an office executive.

President Esters will preside at the annual NEA banquet on Feb. 14 and at the Feb. 16 morning session at which the NEA’s long range program will be discussed.

FRANCIS R. MURPHY

Portland AP Chief Moves To Boston

Francis R. Murphy, head of the Portland office of the Associated Press since 1934, has been transferred to the Boston bureau.

Earl Aronson will serve as acting correspondent in charge of service in Maine. Aronson joined the Portland staff in 1940.

After five years with the Worcester (Mass.) Telegram and 18 months with the International News Service, Murphy joined the Boston staff of the AP in 1927 as a reporter.

He became night editor of the Boston bureau before moving to Portland as director of the service in Maine.

ELLSWORTH AMERICAN’S issue of Feb. 6 is a three-section special edition celebrating the completion of Ellsworth’s new high school, scheduled for dedication Feb. 10.

GUY P. GANNETT, president of the Gannett Publishing Co., has become a trustee of Portland University Law School.
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Art That's Art

The Art Department of the University of Maine is offering a February exhibit of 30 newspaper photographs.

All of the photographs are by Clarence F. McKay of the Daily Kennetjee Journal. The collection, on view in the Louis Oakes Room of the University Library, is of Maine scenes, Maine events, and Maine people.

This one-man show, arranged by Prof. Vincent A. Hartgen, is the third of its kind. It is Prof. Hartgen's policy to include the work of a Maine newspaper photographer as one of the Art Department's exhibits each year.

The objective, according to Prof. Hartgen, is to help give newspaper photography its rightful place among the arts. From such exhibits, of course, the public gains a greater appreciation of newspaper pictures.

To The Journalist's way of thinking, Prof. Hartgen is giving merited recognition to an important and encouraging newspaper trend.

Maine's newspapers have taken great strides in the pictorial field. The state's many triumphs in the New England A.P. photographic competition prove the point.

In the traditional jargon of our craft, any newspaper illustration is called "art." The term is a convenient one, but it's good to know that it is taking on new meaning. More and more, newspaper art is winning recognition as art in the highest sense of the term.

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Editor of this issue of the Journalist is Walt Schurman of Northeast Harbor, a senior journalism major.

An Editorial From Korea

BY LT. BILL BRENNAN
(1st Lt. William J. Brennan, formerly of the Burlington Free Press, is a staff officer at the UN peace camp. He is a Maine graduate.)

MUNSAN-NI, KOREA, Jan. 1. (By mail)—This is a warning, a warning that may never be necessary, a warning that may come too late.

In some countries there'd be no need for such a warning. But in a country like the United States, a country where the people make the policies, the decisions, a warning is in order.

If the people of the United States take the same attitude now that they did immediately after World War II, they'll be making a near-fatal mistake. They did this before, allowing themselves to be governed by their emotions.

The situation in Korea today is nothing to shout about. There's limited action, true, limited killing; but there's also limited negotiating. The United Nations Command delegates have come up against an enemy who now is content to sit and wait until the factors are right. Then he'll make his bid for his peace.

At the moment, the Communists seem to be waiting for one principal factor to appear. There are signs of its coming; the restlessness of the people of the United States, their anxiety to get UNC soldiers out of Communist prisoner of war camps. That factor, of course, is impatience on the part of the citizens of the U.S., the people who, with the big stick called "public opinion," are telling the UNC negotiators here what to do.

It boils down to this: The emotions of the citizens of the United States must be guided. Their thinking, their instructions to their delegates here must be along intelligent lines. Over-sentimentalism for the thousand or so non-Korean soldiers in Red POW camps must not be allowed to sacrifice the many thousand Korean prisoners the UNC believes the Reds hold but have not reported.

As sure as there are potatoes in the soil of the State of Maine, the untempered emotions of the public could lose for the UNC everything that has been gained during the fighting and the negotiating.

The newspapers of the country can be the stabilizers. They can take it upon themselves to guide the emotions of the public along constructive lines. The editors can force their readers to look at the Korea picture objectively, intelligently.

A major victory against Communism can still be won here, if the UNC is allowed to use the Communists' primary weapon—Time. If the citizens of the United States will allow their negotiators to play the waiting game, there's still hope for a victory.

But if the citizens insist on immediate action, that action could write "finis" to the hopes we hold for peace. It would bring a temporary cease-fire to Korea, but it would be a cease-fire that depended for its life on well-trained, well-supplied, well-reinforced troops in Korea.

The Communist armistice plans, their "speedy" armistice plans, are designed to prohibit just that sort of protection.

A "speedy" armistice, an armistice on Communist terms, means no real armistice at all.

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Nothing in this paragraph, however, contemplates the providing of any information which shall jeopardize the hospital-patient relationship, or which violates the confidence, privacy, or legal rights of the patient.

The designated spokesman for the hospital may frequently be the nurse in charge. If so, it is her obligation to the patient, doctor and hospital to give authentic information within the limits of this code as follows:

ACCIDENT OR EMERGENCY CASES: The newsman shall be given the following information: Name, age, address, occupation, and sex of the injured. Nature of the accident—such as automobile, explosion, shooting, etc. Extent of injuries; their degree of seriousness, when ascertained. (IN (Continued on Page Four)
Maine Reporter Writes About Fast Trip To Korea

The following excerpts are from a letter of general interest written on Christmas Day in Korea by Cpl. Elwood (Woody) Bigelow, formerly on the staff of the Lewiston Daily Sun:

"...These past two months have been about the fastest and far-moving I've ever experienced.

"Exactly two months ago today, October 25, we left Camp Polk, Louisiana, via train for Camp Stoneman, California. We were there from October 28 to November 6, and on the latter date, boarded the USS General Mann enroute to the Far East.

"On November 18, we docked at Yokohama, Japan (mid-afternoon) and that same evening disembarked and boarded a Jap express train bound for Sasebo, Japan. We traveled in this monument to the stage coach days, a coach, all that night, next day, and the next night.

"We got to Sasebo about 4 a.m. on the morning of the 20th and went out to Camp Moner where we had breakfast and a brief orientation. At 3 p.m. that same afternoon we got into buses and went down to the docks and boarded an ex-Jap luxury liner. We left about 6 p.m. and next morning, the 21st of November, we arrived at Pusan, Korea.

"We spent ten days at Pusan during which time we received winter equipment and worked, worked, worked!

"On 1 December, we got on a Korean 'train' and headed north. We arrived at Chunchon on the evening of the 2nd and the next day left by truck for our present location. I had thought the Jap train was bad, but this was the antique of antiques. There was no water, lights, or heat, and we sat on wooden benches, so you can just about imagine how the ride was. The train is known as the EUSAK Express (Eighth U.S. Army in Korea).

"The whole story behind such a fast movement of a battalion was that we were wanted over here but fast. We had number one priority in the U.S.A. and had the same priority over any other outfit here in Korea. Just two months and already over half of that combat time.

"The war is still on here for sure, despite all the "police action" bunk. The guns are blasting all the time and it is truly ironic that this Christmas Day with all its meaning should be spent in pounding away at the enemy. Obviously, security prevents me from telling you all that I'd like to, but I can say that this outfit, 8-inch howitzers, has done its job well and has been making plenty hot for the Chinese. Naturally, we are all hoping and praying for an armistice, but until that happens, the war goes on.

"As for Korea itself, it is truly the end of creation—another planet. For dirt and filth, I don't see how it can be beaten. I am really thankful for all the immunization shots I've been given. At present, we are in the mountains and it gets plenty cold, although up until today, we have had very little snow. Today, however, it has been snowing hard. Our winter equipment is great and we have plenty of it."

SID FOLSOM is a reporter on the staff of the Biddeford Daily Journal.

Benjamin Tucker, Jr., Maine Campus make-up editor, puts last issue to bed before his Feb. 1 graduation. (Marcoux Photo)

Esters Honored By N.E. Weeklies; Maine Papers Cited

Bernard E. Esters, president of the National Editorial Association and publisher of the Houlton Pioneer-Times, was guest of honor at the third annual meeting of the New England Weekly Press Association in Boston Jan. 19.

Paul K. Niven, Brunswick Record, who led a panel on commercial printing during the session, introduced his life-long friend at a luncheon at the Hotel Lenox.

Two Maine weeklies were among the winners of special NEWPA awards for achievements in publishing during 1951. The award for best editorial page went to the Houlton Pioneer-Times. The Rumford Falls Times was cited for the best news story.

Mervin L. Stone of the Rumford Falls Times was named secretary of the association. Charles P. Helfenstein of the Lewiston Evening Journal was elected a director.

Other Maine newspapermen who attended the convention include Gerald Wilkes, Brunswick Record; Dorothy E. Roberts, Lincoln County News; William F. Wright, Sanford Tribune; Rodney H. Morrison, Wilton Times; and Roger N. Woodcock, Madison Bulletin.

New Addresses

Lt. Willard Nisbet, Jr., Executive Officer, 543rd QM Bakery Co., Fort Bragg, N.C.

DAVID DEXTER, son of Daniel S. Dexter of the Lewiston Evening Journal, is an infantry sergeant in Japan. He was formerly with the Bangor Daily News.

RUMFORD FALLS PUBLISHING Co. has applied for permission to build and operate a radio station.
Ex-Sports Editor Of Commercial Sails For Korea

Nick Mayo, formerly sports editor of the Bangor Commercial, wrote the following letter to a former associate just before sailing for Korea:

"It seems as though the old 'Jimmie C' (U.S.S. James C. Owens) is always on the move, and it won't be long before we set sail again.

"When I called you in New York, we were getting a break from patrol duty in the Atlantic. From there we jumped into the Atlantic Fleet exercises operating as part of a 'Hunter-Killer' unit between here and Puerto Rico. Got into Norfolk the latter part of November and had a month for general repairs and a little leave and recreation.

"About the middle of January we will shove off for Korea.

"Since speaking to you, there has been a promotion and am now the ship's operations officer. It came through in October and my date of rank was made retroactive to 15 July.

"Right now we are anchored out in Hampton Roads about a twenty minute or so boat ride from the beach. My only real complaint about the present state of affairs is the fact that I catch the duty every other night.

"I am due to get out some time in May so probably will be relieved while we're in Korea."

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Most cases condition reports limited to such words as good, fair, serious, or critical are sufficient.) Deaths.

Illness of a personality in whom the public is rightly interested: The nature of the illness, its gravity, and the current condition, with the consent of the patient or next of kin.

MEDICAL ASSOCIATIONS

The executive offices of the Iowa State Medical Society and officers of county medical societies shall be available for newsmen to obtain authentic information as promptly as possible on health and professional subjects. If the information desired is not immediately available, it shall be the duty of the executive office either to obtain the information, or to locate a competent authority from whom newsmen can obtain it directly.

Officers, committee chairmen, or designated spokesmen of the various professional associations may be quoted by name in matters of public interest, for purposes of authenticating information given...

NEWSMEN

Press, radio, and television newsmen, recognizing the first obligation of the doctor and hospital is to safeguard the life, health, and legal rights of the patient, shall cooperate by refraining from any action or demands that might jeopardize the patient's life or health, and rights.

When a doctor or hospital authority authorizes a quotation directly by name, press, radio and television newsmen shall make certain to the best of their ability the quotation is accurate both in content and context.

Press, radio and television newsmen shall exercise editorial judgment to avoid publishing material designed solely to exploit the patient, doctor, or the hospital.

On matters of general health news, the newsman shall make all reasonable effort to obtain authentic information from qualified sources indicated above before proceeding to publication or broadcast.

Bridgton Publisher Dies; News Remains In Shorey Family

Henry A. Shorey, 3rd, of Lexington, Mass., is the new owner of the Bridgton News.

His father, Henry A. Shorey, Jr., editor and publisher of the News since 1923, died Jan. 5, leaving the 81-year old weekly to his son. The paper was founded by Maj. Henry A. Shorey, grandfather of the present owner, in 1870.

Henry A. Shorey, Jr., in addition to his long association with the News, was organizer and first chief of the Maine State Highway Police. He was also a former deputy secretary of state.

Shorey was one of the last of Maine's old-time country editors.

His first newspaper job was covering Old Town Orono, and Brewer for the Bangor Commercial.

He was born in Bridgton, Oct. 14, 1877, and except for short periods, he spent his entire life there. He was a graduate of Bowdoin College.

LT. CHARLES E. ST. THOMAS, recently PIO for the 74th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron at Presque Isle, has been assigned assistant PIO at Headquarters Eastern Air Defense Force, Stewart Air Force Base, Newburgh, N. Y.

EASTERN GAZETTE of Dexter has received one of nine national fire prevention awards from the National Board of Fire Underwriters. The paper received the citation for leading a campaign in cooperation with the local schools.

ON THE MAINE PRESS Association's legislative committee are: Mrs. Dorothy E. Roberts, Lincoln County News; Paul K. Niven, Brunswick Record; and Russell Gerould, Eastern Gazette.

THE BOOTHBAY REGISTER celebrated its 75th birthday on December 7 with a 20-page anniversary issue reviewing the history of the paper and the community.