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WHAT IS THE AMERICAN WAY?

Everybody is inclined to consider that his own opinions and prejudices about customs and institutions, principles and practices, represent the "American Way." The term is used to justify the most contradictory ideas. Nevertheless there are some principles and practices that are distinctively American and that are believed in by most Americans; especially a fundamental conception of freedom which is a part of our heritage.

We have built up our civilization here, and drawn our social pattern, on a basis of individual freedom. It includes freedom of worship, of speech and press and assembly, of residence and movement; liberty to pursue an occupation of one's own choice, to acquire and own property, and to enter into voluntary association with others in enterprise; and the right to participate in government through representatives whose arbitrary power is restricted by basic and statutory law and who are periodically accountable to the people. These rights do not constitute the whole range of American freedom, but are among the most fundamental.

It is true that these are not regarded as absolute rights. We impose limits by custom and by public authority. But we try to adhere to the pattern and we recur to it whenever it is temporarily disregarded. The conviction persists that this individual freedom must be maintained—limited only in order to preserve the maximum of it for all. For in the freest possible exercise of individual initiative and energy we see the mainspring of our past achievement and the guaranty of a greater future—the fulfillment of the promises of American life.

There is no other plan of human relations we know of that has produced or is producing a like result. Certainly the totalitarian systems now spreading over Europe—and not without their advocates here—bear no fruit that we crave. We believe in hard work—but in occupations of our own choice; in discipline—but self-discipline; in individual duties and group duties—but not imposed by arbitrary power; in cooperation—but of a free people.

Free institutions, however, affording the maximum of individual opportunity are not an accident of nature, like the climate—nor do they persist like the sun, moon, and stars, for whose existence and movements and continuance we feel no responsibility. Generations of vigorous, industrious, and adventurous people have established these institutions. Only people of the same sort can safeguard and maintain them. A corollary of individual freedom is individual responsibility; each generation must earn again, by hard work, devotion to duty, loyal cooperation, productive achievement, its right to be free.

Through all the changed conditions that our increasing mastery of nature creates, through all the adjustments and readjustments of human relations that such changes require, we are insistent on maintaining our heritage of freedom. Essentially, this ideal, interpreted in practice as well as our social experience and social intelligence permit, is the American way.

WHY NOT PREPARE FOR IT?

Not many months ago the emergency landing field south of town maintained by the government was abandoned. It was said at the time if proper effort had been put forth, the community should never have lost the airport. We do not know how much truth there is to the above statement, but from observation we do know that cooperation has been lacking in many community enterprises. Cooperation you know is the medium of working together in a harmonious manner to foster growth and development of the community and to make it more substantial. Communities make up nations and nations stand or fall on their unity. If we want to see what the lack of cooperation will do for a nation we have only to look at some of those overrun by Germany. This point is that we need a cooperative spirit both in civil life as well as those of national emergency and we have an opportunity to secure a permanent landing field with government aid that will be an asset to the community long after the present crisis has passed and we have the assistance of a group of civilians in the flying club who are anxious and willing to aid in every way possible.

If airplanes are to assume an increasing important part in transportation, why not recognize the fact and prepare for it.

THOSE YELLOW LINES

Tourists are less likely to have accidents on the highways because in traveling on an unfamiliar highway, the tourist watches for curve signs and traffic hazards. When he sees a curve sign, he naturally assumes the highway department knows whereof it speaks. But not so with local people who are familiar with the road. They think they know the road well enough to cut the corners.

Local officers painted several traffic lanes across the Main street highway. Tourists invariably slow up at the approach of a traffic lane, but not so with the local people as a general rule. In crossing in a traffic lane you can tell a tourist without looking at the license plate—he slows up. A business man complained yesterday that he was almost run down, not by a tourist, but by a local driver because the driver did not pay any attention to the traffic lane.

PRICE OF LIBERTY: ETERNAL VIGILANCE

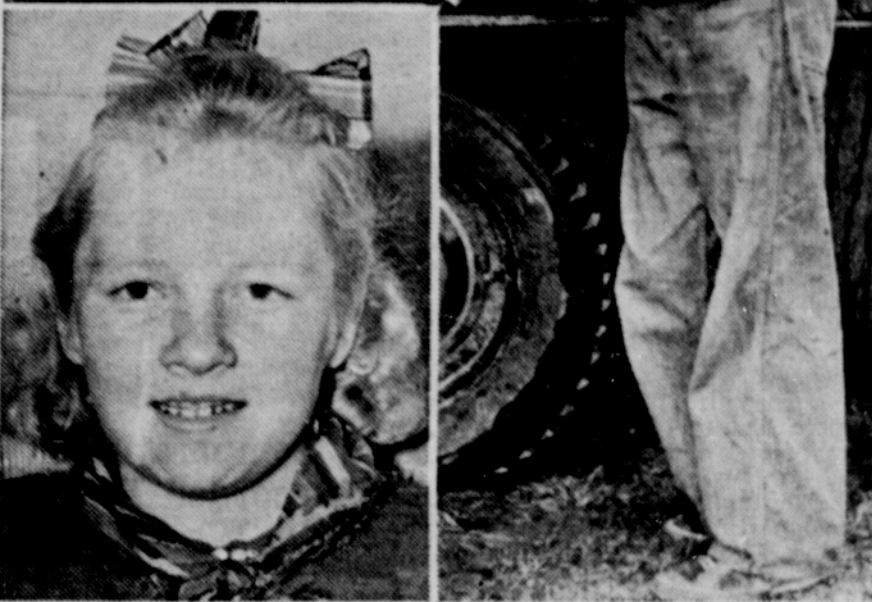
As true today as when written 150 years ago:
"It is the common fate of the indolent to see their rights become a prey to the active. The condition upon which God hath given liberty to man is eternal vigilance; which condition if he break, servitude is at once the consequence of his crime and the punishment of his guilt."—John Curran, 1750-1817.

Rare Color Photography
The Royal Ontario Museum of Archeology at Toronto has received from the estate of the late W. T. Walters, of Baltimore, the finest example of book-binding and color photography in the world, according to Dr. C. T. Currelly, director of the museum.

Width of Amazon River
The Amazon river is the widest river in the world, having a width of 200 miles at its mouth.

Loaded School Buses
In the United States there are 3,250,658 students transported to and from schools at public expense.

The Valsetz Star—In Action



One of Oregon's newer, but well-publicized newspapers is The Star, published in the tiny lumber town of Valsetz by Dorothy Anne Hobson, 11, who is also editor, and Franklin Thomas, 9, assistant editor. Franklin is shown doing his stuff with M. D. Williamson, manager of the general store (who is not a big advertiser as yet). Sample item: "Mother and Daddy had a terrible argument."

OUR SERVANTS

To the Voters: We are soon to be called to employ our servants. Every employe is your servant or hired man. When you hire a man or woman to work for you, you want to know if he or she is worth and capable. When you vote at the polls you are hiring men and women to do your work. No matter the kind of a job you are paying them to do. Some of them will be around soon and make all sorts of promises and when (you hire) vote for them you have hired, and you are compelled to pay their price. If the furniture in their office does not suit them, they do not consult you but purchase what suits them and you pay for it. If they want a new up-to-date auto they do not consult you but purchase it and you pay for it. You furnish fuel to warm them. Ink, pens, paper, envelopes, stamps, also gas for the new auto, and when they are installed in a court house and office that belongs to you and you have some business with them, you will find on the door, "private, no admittance." This means you. That is the way your hired man treats his employer. Your hired man owns it then. You take exceptions to such treatment, he says that's the law. Who made it? Not you.

They all get together and fix a law for their own against you, who are their employer and you have no voice in the making of the law. You farmers, when you hire a man or woman, you want to know something about them. You send a man into the field to do some work. Does he put a notice on the gate "keep out, this means you?"

Mr. Merchant, do you hire a helper in the store and allow him to tell you when and how he shall work? Does he go off at any time to play golf without your consent, or go on a fishing or camping trip without your consent? And if he gets tired playing golf and the office work is too strenuous, hires some girls to do his work and he can sit down to rest with his feet upon the desk, tells the girl to say "I am not in." And if you object he says if you don't like the way I do it, do it yourself and he knows that you cannot. It is the law he says.

Well, that is the salvation, only more so. Let us not be fooled any more. Be careful who you hire at the November election. Everyone is an employer of office holders. I am not talking about parties. I am talking about the kind of men you want to hire to do your work in city, county, state and nation.
J. L. BEATTY,
Cottage Grove, Ore.

READ THE ADS

In the middle of the last century a prominent American news paper carried the following classified advertisement:
FARMER, aged 41, desires to correspond with a young woman of simple tastes. Beauty unnecessary, prettiness not desired. Object, matrimony. A woman named Meg Charlton answered the ad, married its author, and, as a result, eventually became First Lady of the land. The advertiser was General Ulysses S. Grant, destined to be our 18th President.

Prairie Dog's Diet
Seventy-eight per cent of a prairie dog's diet consists of plants of forage or crop value.

Delight Valley

Mrs. G. W. Hall and Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Hall, recent guests of the Lee Nixons, have left for their home in Pasadena, California.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Nixon spent Friday in Portland. Their niece, Mrs. Ralph Black, and daughter Beverley returned home with them for a week's visit.

John Phillips of Virginia is a visitor at the N. F. Corliss home.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Haight, the Oscar Jackson family, the Lee Nixon family, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Sears, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ayres and the John Hathaway family picnicked at McCready Springs, Sunday.

Della and Alice Dunlevy, Marie and Esther Hansen have returned home from Howell's produce and nut farm, where they had several weeks employment.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis White of Lookout spent the week end at the home of Mrs. White's parents, the Rudolf Hansens. Esther Hansen returned home with them for a week's visit.

John Ingleson of San Jose, California, is a guest at the home of his niece, Mrs. Rudolf Hansen.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Blank and daughter Beverley of Portland were dinner and over-night guests Tuesday at the Ernest Sears home.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Ross and baby of Klamath Falls, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Schide and daughter of Junction City, and Mrs. John Waldren of Eugene were Saturday visitors at the Malcolm Horn home.

Malcolm Horn and son Francis made a business trip to Salem, Monday.

HOGS FED ON STURGEON

A pioneer farmer living on the banks of the Umpqua river is said to have fattened his hogs on sturgeon. According to the story he built his hog pens close to the banks of the river. The Pacific tides made considerable ebb and flow in the stream so he hit upon the idea of trapping the fish in wire mesh nets at high tide. When the water ebbed he had sturgeon to toss to his hogs. The animals are said to have fattened in short time but there is no record as to whether or not the pork was fish-flavored.—Oregon Writers' Project, WPA.

South American 'Camel'

A vicuna is a South American animal of the camel family, intermediate in size between the llama and the alpaca. It is only about two feet high at the shoulder and has rich brown curly wool spotted with white. Living at very high altitudes in the Andes, the animal is exceedingly fleet-footed and has never been domesticated.

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Forest Service Timber Sales Advance In Pacific Northwest Regions

"Timber sale business on the national forests is up," reports O. F. Ericson, assistant regional forester in charge of timber management in the North Pacific region. "The cut for the fiscal year just ended was 479,674,000 board feet. It was worth \$1,270,885. This includes both commercial sales and the sales at cost. The cut in fiscal year 1939 was 357,282,000 feet, and its value was \$911,589. The largest cut in one year in this region was made in 1929 and was worth \$1,271,026. This year we lacked only \$171 of equalling that peak."

The number of sales, according to Ericson is about the same as usual this year—1,344 commercial sales, 890 sales at cost to residents for domestic use. Christmas trees, bow staves, cascara bark, ferns and other minor products brought about \$3,650. The Olympic National Forest cut the most timber, over 98 million feet. Next was the Malheur forest with about 71 million feet, then the Snoqualmie with 59 million, and the Deschutes, 51 million. The highest price received for Douglas fir was \$6.65 per M; for ponderosa pine, \$4.65 per M.

"This increase in the sale of national forest timber is partly on account of a better market and partly because good logging chances in private timber are harder to find than they once were," said Ericson. "As the border of timber in private ownership that stands between the national forests and the market is cut out, our receipts, of which one-fourth goes to the counties, are expected to increase."

HE INVENTED POSTAGE

One hundred years ago, on May 6, 1840, an Englishman named Rowland Hill won his long fight for postal reform and the English penny black, the first postage stamp in the world, was printed.

For his reward, Reformer Hill was given a position with the British postal administration, but a political shift in the government tossed him out. Four years after he made possible the purchase and use of postage stamps the public raised a large fund for him, about \$65,000, to show their gratitude. He died Sir Rowland Hill, at an advanced age, and was buried in Westminster Abbey.—St. Joseph Gazette.

'The Lone Clutch'
When a rock with a note wrapped around it crashed through their window about 10 o'clock one night, Dr. and Mrs. M. M. Campbell of Seattle, Wash., thought they were the victims of a practical joker. The note read: "I strike at midnight or else. To you from the Lone Clutch. Put \$2 on the porch." They laughed and went to bed, only to be awakened at midnight by a great rattling of windows and trembling of the whole house. It wasn't "the Lone Clutch," though—only an earthquake.

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